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PREFACE

THE present volume concludes the text of the Great Red Book and, as will be seen from the table of contents, consists very largely of records of deeds of various kinds relating to Bristol properties.

The dullness of a volume containing so much material of this kind is redeemed by a late fifteenth-century rental and a long account of a dispute between William Spencer the Mayor and one Thomas Norton.

The former is valuable because it shows the Corporation properties street by street and also supplies the names of the tenants and the rentals paid by each. If the information furnished by this document were combined with that to be derived from more or less contemporaneous deeds it might be possible to compile something like a directory of the City for the late fifteenth century.

The latter is remarkable not only for its intrinsic interest but also for a vividness of description which compares not unfavourably with the efforts of the modern journalist.

My thanks are due to Miss B. Slowley, who kindly undertook the task of preparing the Index.

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Bristol.

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THE TEXT

'o. 265 (*d*) ASSIGNMENT OF LEASE (Enrolled 8th October 1521)
) 266 PARTIES

(1) Nicholas Elyott son of Thomas Elyott late of Bristol Brasier.
(2) Thomas Olyver Baker and Burgess of Bristol.

RECITALS

(*a*) Lease by John Vyell gentleman dated the 10th February 1463 to Thomas Sawyer of a vacant piece of ground in Redcliffe Street lying between a tenement belonging to the Lessor in which his mother Alice lived and a tenement belonging to John Seymour Knight and extending from the street backwards to the Avon for the term of 80 years from the 25th day of March 1463 at a rent of 6/8 payable quarterly on the usual quarter days.

(*b*) Building of a house by the Lessee on the vacant piece of land.

(*c*) Assignment by the Lessee of his interest to Thomas Elyott and Alicia his wife (daughter of the Lessee).

(*d*) Death of Alicia leaving Thomas Elyott solely possessed.

(*e*) Will of Thomas Elyott dated 9th February 1505 whereby he bequeathed his interest to Nicholas Elyott.

OPERATIVE PART Assignment of Nicholas Ellyott's interest to Thomas Olyver in consideration of the sum of £6 . 13 . 4 subject to the liability to keep premises in repair and discharge outgoings as specified in before recited Lease.

SEALED by assignor and with mayoral seal.

DATED 15th October 1520.

'o. 266 CHARTER OF FEOFFMENT (enrolled 10th June 1524)
) 266 (*d*) PARTIES

(1) Richard Hervy and John Flooke executors of the will of Elizabeth Hervy Widow of John Hawkys late merchant

Alderman and twice Mayor of Bristol and executrix of the will of John Hawkys.

(2) Thomas Paty, David Laurence, Thomas Yong, John Maunsell, John Hews, John Hooper, William Grorth, Roger Philpott, Thomas Polsam, Ralph Webbe, Robert Birkyn, Robert Hannworth and Simon Hancock.

RECITALS

(*a*) Will of John Hawkys dated 23rd January 1520 whereby he devised to his wife Elizabeth inter alia FIRSTLY a tenement in High Street Bristol lying between a tenement lately belonging to Thomas Baker on the south and a tenement belonging to the Mayor and Commonalty of Bristol on the north then occupied by Johanna Grenefeld widow and extending backwards from the street to "le Throughouse" SECONDLY 4 shops in "le Pitteyhey" Bristol of which John Prestewood weaver held 2 and Thomas Steynyng brewer the remainder together with a little garden adjoining bounded on both sides by the lands of the parish church of Holy Trinity Bristol THIRDLY A large garden called "Bristoll" lying alongside the shops and then divided into 3 gardens FOURTHLY 3 gardens in Gropelane in the parish of St. John Baptist Bristol of which one was accupied by the testator another by Richard Hoby merchant and another by Thomas Brown apothecary and FIFTHLY a rent of 20/– issuing out of a tenement in Towker street.

(*b*) That by the will Elizabeth was to take a life interest in the property without impeachment of waste with remainder to John Hawkys (the testator's son) in tail and so that if John Hawkys died without heirs of his body the executors of Elizabeth if she survived John but otherwise the executors of John should sell the property at the best price obtainable and should pay a moiety of the proceeds to the Abbot and Monastery of St. Augustines Bristol, a quarter of the proceeds to the vicar and churchwardens of All Saints Bristol and the remainder to the vicar and churchwardens of St. Leonards Bristol.

(*c*) John Hawkys (the son) died leaving Elizabeth surviving.

OPERATIVE PART The parties of the 1st part as executors of Elizabeth and according to the directions in John Hawkys the elder's will in consideration of £90 sterling paid by the

parties of the second part sold bargained delivered etc to the latter the above mentioned property to be held by them in fee simple.

APPOINTMENT of Richard Bromefeld clerk and John Collys Common Clerk of Bristol attornies to deliver seisin.

SEALED by parties of first part and with mayoral seal.

DATED 24th May 1524.

267 Memorandum that wher as Johanna Thorne widew late the wif' of Robart [*sic*] Thorne late of ⟨1⟩ the Towne of Brystowe merchaunt decessyd by hyr testament and last wyll bequethyd ⟨2⟩ and gave unto the Churche of Seynt Nycholas within the Towne of Brystowe ⟨3⟩ among' other thynges certayne jewelles and ornamementis [*sic*] that is to say a Sewte ⟨4⟩ of vestementis of blake velwett a pall of blake chamlett and velwett and a payur ⟨5⟩ of Candel-stickes of sylver parcell gilt weyeng LXXXXVII ounces to honour God and Seynt ⟨6⟩ Nycholas with all, and that she myght therfore be prayd for every Sonday and if ⟨7⟩ the sayd ornamentis or jewelles shuld be hyrid out to any place then she wyllyd there ⟨8⟩ shuld be receyvid for the lone thereof X s sterlyng of the whyche VIII s to be payd ⟨9⟩ immediatly to the fower ordres of freres of the sayd Towne[1] that is to say to every ⟨10⟩ order ijs and ijs that restithe to Seynt Nycholas Churche as by hir last wyll it ⟨11⟩ was playntly [*sic*] declarid and for so moche as perfat and playne mention is not made in ⟨12⟩ the sayd testament of the true intent and meanyng of the last wyll of the sayd Johanna ⟨13⟩ in that behalf and to adwoyd all ambiguytes dowtis and contraversyes that myght ⟨14⟩ fortune to fall by reason of the same in tymes to come and for that the proctors and ⟨15⟩ parisshens of the sayd churche ar fully myndyd and willyng to have hyr sayd last ⟨16⟩ wyll performyd observid and kepte so ferre as in theym do lye is it therfore agreed ⟨17⟩ and grauntid by John Hutton and Robart Chapman proctours of the same ⟨18⟩ Churche of Seynt Nycholas with the assent and consent of the parisshens ⟨19⟩ of the same for theym and their successors that they at no tyme shall refuse ⟨20⟩ nor deny to lend out the sayd vestmentis pall and Candilstikkes to any persone that ⟨21⟩ will ffrom tyme to tyme requyre theym payeng therfore for the lone therof X s ⟨22⟩ at every tyme as they shall foanne[2] to be hired to any persone of the whyche Xs' ⟨23⟩ VIII s'

Irrotulat' XIIII° die Marcii Anno Regni Regis Henrici VIII. XVI° Tempore Johannis Hutton Maioris.

[1] " of " *struck out.*
[2] i.e. happen

therof to be payd from tyme to tyme by the sayd proctors and their successors ⟨24⟩ to the IIII ordres of freres within the sayd Towne of Brystowe that is to say to ⟨25⟩ every order IIs without delay or contradiccion and the IIs residewe of the Xs that ⟨26⟩ replith to remayne to Seynt Nycholas Church aforesayd providyd all ways that ⟨27⟩ the sayd proctours and theyr successors may at all tymes wher as they fynd any ⟨28⟩ persons that ys not able sufficient or a substance to hyre the sayd ornamemtes take ⟨29⟩ sufficient suretyes at their discresions for the sure and saffe redelyvere of the same ⟨30⟩ or also not to lend theym to any suche suspecte or un able In wittynes werof the sayd ⟨31⟩ proctours and parisshens have not only causid this [to] be entird in the boke of remem⟨32⟩braunce of bequestes belonging to the sayd Church for parfaite memory herof in tyme ⟨33⟩ to come the XVth day of October in the yere of our lorde god M^L V^C XXIIII but ⟨34⟩ also have causyd it to be entird for a mater of record in the White boke[1] of the seyd ⟨35⟩ Towne of Bristowe forsayd remaignyng among the Kyngis Recordes within the sayd ⟨36⟩ Towne.

Fo. 267 (*d*) *to* 268 CHARTER OF FEOFFMENT (enrolled 18th April 1525)

PARTIES

(1) John Hutton Mayor of Bristol and the Burgesses and Commonalty thereof.
(2) John Williams late mayor of Bristol.

CONSIDERATION "pro quadam competenti pecunie summa"

PARCELS a vacant space lying in Gropelane in the parish of St. John Baptist Bristol between a tenement belonging to the Grantee on the one side and a tenement belonging to the late George Twynyho armiger on the other containing in length from the lane to the common wall 93 feet 4 inches and in breadth 6 feet 5 inches.

HABENDUM Grantee in fee simple

WARRANTY of Title.

APPOINTMENT of Stephen Cole Attorney to deliver seisin

SEALED with the common seal of Bristol

DATED 12th April 1525

[1] It is curious to find the document enrolled in the Great Red Book.

RELEASE AND QUITCLAIM between same parties of same property dated 14th April 1525

Fo. 268 HENRY by the grace of god King of Englonde and of Fraunce and lorde of Irelond ⟨14⟩ Unto all People unto Whome these present lettres shall 'come sende greting We ⟨15⟩ have beholde the lettres patentes off Lorde Edwarde late King of Englonde the IIIIth our ⟨16⟩ progenytour made in these wordes EDWARDE by the grace of god kyng of ⟨17⟩ englond and of Fraunce and lorde of Irelond Unto all' People unto whom ⟨18⟩ these present lettres shall come sende greting[1] Ye shall knowe that at the ⟨19⟩ instaunte desire of oure welbelovyd Walter Halyday Mershall John Cliff Robert ⟨20⟩ Marshall Thomas Grove Thomas Calthorne Willyam Cliff Willyam ⟨21⟩ Cristian and Willyam Eynesham oure mynstrellis We do perceyve that many ⟨22⟩ Rude persons and artificers of dyvers places within this our Realme of englond ⟨23⟩ do name them selffis to be mynstrellis Wherof many of them do take oure libertie ⟨24⟩ To them[2] never geven and doth name them to be oure propre mynstrellis By reason ⟨25⟩ and collour of which libertie and by the said Crafte of mynstrelles they do ⟨26⟩ gather and receive frawdelently grete Sommes of money of oure leege people ⟨27⟩ in dyverse places of this oure[3] Realme aforsaid, and they have lyttell ⟨28⟩ understondyng and not be experte in the same and they do use upon feryall dayes ⟨29⟩ and werkendays dyverse Craftis and Occupacions By reason whereof they ⟨30⟩ have accompetent lyving
Fo. 268 (d) and they Ron abrode from place to place on the holydays ⟨31⟩ and do take their profites by that meanes also By reason wherof oure mynstrellis ⟨1⟩ aforesaid and other oure mynstrellis in tyme to come in their arte aforsaid ⟨2⟩ sufficiently instructed and lerened usyng non other labours or occupacions to ⟨3⟩ susteyne their lyving But alonly the Scyence and Connyng shalbe decayd ⟨4⟩ and that by reason of which insufficiency of counnyng [*sic*] grete slaunder do ⟨5⟩ growe to oure mynstrellis and be gretely hyndered by reason that the same ⟨6⟩ Science is exercised by artificers and husbondmen for redresse wherof ⟨7⟩ oure said mynstrellis do mekely besech us that we of our especiall' greate ⟨8⟩ grace wold withsalffe[4] to provide alawfully [*sic*] Remedy in that be halfe ⟨9⟩

WE THE PREMYSSES concidering and at the Reasonable request in ⟨10⟩ the same parte favorably enclynyng of our grace aforesaid of our mere ⟨11⟩ disposicion we have graunted and have gyven lycence and by these prescentes ⟨12⟩ do graunte and gyve lycence

[1] "we" *struck out.* [2] *written* "the m". [3] "oure" *repeated.* [4] i.e. Vouchsafe.

for us and our heirs as muche as in us is ⟨13⟩ unto the forsaid Walter Halyday Mershall John Cliff Robert Mershall ⟨14⟩ Thomas Grene Thomas Calthorne Willyam Cliff William Cristian ⟨15⟩ and William Eynesham oure mynstrellis that they to the lawde and ⟨16⟩ honour of god as we be especially bounde to do and for oure prosperous estate ⟨17⟩ and oure moste dere spowse Elizabeth Quene of englond Now that we be in ⟨18⟩ prosperitie and for our sowlles when we shall departe oute of this worlde and ⟨19⟩ also for the sowle of our moste derest lorde and father Richard late duke of ⟨20⟩ yorke and the Sowlles of oure noble progenitours and all faythfull people as ⟨21⟩ well in the chappell of our Blessid lady seint Mary the Virgin within the ⟨22⟩ Cathedrall churche of Seint Powle in London as in our free chappell of Seint ⟨23⟩ Anthonys within the same Citie of london they have and enjoy a certeyne ⟨23⟩ fraternytie and perpetuall guylde, by the whiche they may take bretherne and ⟨25⟩ susterne in to the fraternytie of mynstrellis of this oure Realme of Englonde and ⟨26⟩ in tyme to com shall make exercise ordeyne and establisshe the same [1]continue [?] ⟨27⟩ and [1]augient [?] what so ever persons[2] as well men as women comyng ⟨28⟩ to them with a good wille to take and receyve them bretherne and susterne ⟨30⟩ of the same fraternitie and that the marshall and oure mynstrelles aforesaide ⟨30⟩ by theym selfs be and shalbe in name and dede oure body and oure perpetuall ⟨31⟩ Comynaltie and hable and sufficient in the lawe and they to have perpetuall succession ⟨32⟩ and that aswell oure mynstrellis forsaid that nowe be as also ⟨33⟩ the mystrellis for to come of us and oure heirs which shall be in time to ⟨34⟩ come for evermore at their pleasure may name and chose and succesiflie [*sic*] ⟨35⟩ may ordeyne of them self one hable and laufull marshall for terme of ⟨36⟩ his lyff' to remayne in the said office and also every yere ii wardeins to ⟨37⟩ governe and rule the said ffraternitie and guylde AND FURTHERMORE ⟨38⟩ we will and by this present do
Fo. 269 graunte for the supportacion and augmentacion ⟨39⟩ off the fraternitie or guylde aforsaid that no mynstrell of this oure Realme aforsaid thowgh he ⟨1⟩ be in his said science sufficienly enstructed shall not occupie the said science within this ⟨2⟩ oure Realme hereafter but if he be of the same ffraternitie and guylde and to the same ⟨3⟩ admytted Onles he be com contributory with other cobretherne of the same he ⟨4⟩ shall nott occupie openly the same So all wayes

[1] These words although correctly transcribed do not make sense. Although in the same hand they appear to have been written into blank spaces left for the purpose.

[2] " and " *struck out.*

that non of the mynstrellis ⟨5⟩ aforsaid as is above said to be admitted paye for his engresse and admission ⟨6⟩ above IIIs IIIId and if he shalbe obstinate or by other meanes perverse ⟨7⟩ That then he be amercyed by the forsaid Marshall and other oure mynstrelles ⟨8⟩ and our heires aforesaid for the tyme beyng accordyng to theire discressions ⟨9⟩ and that the forsaid marshall and mynstrellis and wardeynis and theire ⟨10⟩ successours may begyn to make and ordeyne unpunysshed congregacions and ⟨11⟩ communycacions leefull and honest of them self Statutes and ordinaunces ⟨12⟩ leefull for them selfe for the sauffe governaunce and profite of the said fraternitie ⟨13⟩ or guylde and so and as often as nede shalbe AND if any of our said ⟨14⟩ mynstrellis or oure forsaid heirs desciesse [*sic*] or dye or for ther misbehavs or ⟨15⟩ offence or for any other cause what so ever it be shalbe from oure said service ⟨16⟩ aquytid put oute and deposed Than the marshall and other oure mynstrellis ⟨17⟩ and our heires for the tyme beyng shall chose an other lawfull mynstrell and ⟨18⟩ in their Crafte and Occupacion experte and lerenyd in what so ever place ⟨19⟩ of this our Realme as well within the liberties as without shall happen hym to ⟨20⟩ be founde The Shire of Chestre excepted and in the place and stede of ⟨21⟩ hym so departing amoved or pute oute another for oure parte to chose and name ⟨22⟩ for one of oure mynstrellis and of our heirs to be receivid and hablid and ⟨23⟩ to our wages to be admytted of our Regall' assent there uppon had AND FURTHER MORE ⟨24⟩ we will and graunte by these presentes to the forsaid marshall and our mynstrellis ⟨25⟩ that they and their successours from hensforth have pouer and facultie to enquyre by ⟨26⟩ all maner of waies leefull which they best knowe by all this oure Realme ⟨27⟩ aforesaid as well within the lybertie as withoute the forsaid Countie of Chestre only ⟨28⟩ excepted of all and every such persons feynyng them to be mynstrellis and that ⟨29⟩ take and bere oure lybertitie [*sic*] and in the same Crafte and occupacion as it ⟨30⟩ is aforsaid by them not duely and unjastly [*sic*] used and excersiced and not ⟨31⟩ beyng of the guylde or fraternitie aforsaid and of all and singuler articles ⟨32⟩ and circumstances the premisses what so ever they be concernyng and to all ⟨33⟩ and singuler[1] such persons the forsaid Crafte or occupacion of usyng from tyme as ⟨34⟩ oftene as nede shall requyre as within the liberties as with out The said ⟨35⟩ Countie of Cestre as is afor said only excepted to oversee Rule and governe ⟨36⟩ and every of theym for their offences and faultes in the premissis don'

[1] above the line.

justly and ⟨37⟩ truly to correck and punysshe, and what so ever amerciamentes fines ⟨38⟩ forfaytures losses if any by reason of the same inquisition over lokyng ⟨39⟩ or sekyng by reason of the premisses upon what so ever persons as is aforesaid ⟨40⟩ faynyng them self to be mynstrellis or otherwise misbehaving theym selfes ⟨41⟩ duely and probally fynde to be adjudged assessid levied and
Fo. 269 (*d*) disposed to thuse ⟨42⟩ and profite of the fraternitie aforsaid for the contynuall and perpetuall sustentacione ⟨1⟩ of certeyn wex candelles comonly called Tapers at the expences of the ⟨2⟩ same fraternitie at the Chappell' aforsaid for the tyme beyng and from ⟨3⟩ hensforth as it shall happen to be TO HAVE exercise and enjoy all ⟨4⟩ and singuler the forsaid requisicions sekying and overlokyng Ruling governyng ⟨5⟩ correccion and punisshyng and other the premissis after the maner and fourme ⟨6⟩ aforsaid to the said Walter John Robert Thomas Grene Thomas Calthorne ⟨7⟩ Willyam Cliff Willyam Cristian Willyam Eynesham our' mynstrellis ⟨8⟩ and to their successours our' mynstrellis and of our heirs forevermore without eny ⟨9⟩ impedyment greve perturbaunce or displeasure of us or of oure heirs justices ⟨10⟩ Shriffes or other baylyffes or oure mynysters or of oure heirs or any other ⟨11⟩ what so ever they be, and this withoute fyne or fee grete or small in the haniper ⟨12⟩ of oure Chauncery or ellis where to the use of us or in our names for the ⟨13⟩ premissis to be don or payde for all though thexpresse mension of the trewe ⟨14⟩ valour or certentie of the premissys or of any of theym in these presentes be not ⟨15⟩ made or any statute acte or ordinaunce to the contrary maide brought up ⟨16⟩ or provided not withstondyng IN WITNESSE whereof thise oure present ⟨17⟩ lettres patente we have caused to be made myselfe being witnesse at ⟨18⟩ Westminster the XXIIII day of Aperell the IX yere of our Reigne WE ALSO ⟨19⟩ holdyng forme and stable the forsaid lettres patente and everything therein ⟨20⟩ conteynyd for us and for our' heirs as muche as in us is do accept ⟨21⟩ and approve to our' welbelovyd John Gylvyn now marshall Thomas ⟨22⟩ Grenyng Thomas Spence Thomas Mayowe John Abes Thomas ⟨23⟩ Pygen' Willyam Kyrkby and John Ryppes or [*sic*] mynstrellis and ther ⟨24⟩ successours We do ratifie and conferme by the tenour of these presentes as ⟨25⟩ the forsaid lettres within them selff more playnly witnesseth. IN WITNESS ⟨26⟩ wherof these our present lettres patent We have caused to be made my ⟨27⟩ self being witnesse at Westminster the XXIII day of January in the XI yere ⟨28⟩ of our Reigne ⟨29⟩

Tempore Rogeri Coke Maioris

Memorandum that the VII day of Octobre in the XXXIIIth yere of the reign of oure Soveraign lord kyng ⟨30⟩ henry the VIII it was agreed betwyne Wyllyam Apowell of the Towne of Bristowe Grocer of the ⟨31⟩ oone partie and Roger Philpott otherwise called Roger Myllar of the same Grocer of the ⟨32⟩ other partie That the said Roger nor his wife nor any other by his or hir procurement or commaundmant ⟨33⟩ shall not wyllyngly nor malycyously att any tyme herafter hurte ne harme the Celyng over the ⟨34⟩ parlour afore Strete of the house of the saide Wyllyam Apowell and if the same Celyng ⟨35⟩ be hurtid or harmed herafter by the meanes of the said Roger his wife or any of his or ⟨36⟩ hir servauntes That then the said Roger and his wife and every of theym shall repaire the ⟨37⟩ same Celyng and make hit in as good Estate as it was at the makyng of this agrement ⟨38⟩ which was made by the right worshipfull Roger Coke mayour of the Towne of Bristowe master ⟨39⟩ Broke Recordour of' the same Towne Rychard Abyngdon and Rychard Towell Aldremen of ⟨40⟩ the same towne and Robert Ellyot late mayor of the same towne with others ⟨41⟩

p. 270 To all true Cristen People to whom this present writyng of awarde indentid shall comeHenry Kemys and ⟨1⟩ David Broke of Bristowe Gentilmen and Willyam Ostrige of the same merchaunte send gretyng in ⟨2⟩ our lorde gode everlastyng Where dyversse variances strives sutes and debates before this tyme have byn ⟨3⟩hadde moved and dependyng bitwene John Shipman of Bristowe merchaunte and Richard Palmer of ⟨4⟩ Athorston in the Countie of Warwyk yoman of for and apon the right title use and interest of a ⟨5⟩ mesuage with his appurtenances and a voyde place of ground to the same mesuage adjoynante sette ⟨6⟩ and lyeng within the Towne of Bristowe within the Strete of the same Towne called Corne Strete whiche ⟨7⟩ mesuage and voyde place the said John Shipman now hath and holdeth For the apesyng and ⟨8⟩ cessyng therof and in avoydyng of Ferther Troble vexacion and expence of money which be reason ⟨9⟩ thereof myght Growe and folowe the parties abovesaid of their owne free will' agrement' assent' ⟨10⟩ and consent' have indefferently chosyn us the fornamed Henry Kemys David Broke and Willyam ⟨11⟩ Ostriche arbitrors bytwene the said parties to arbitrate awarde and juge bytwene the said parties ⟨12⟩ of and apon the premisses as we shall thynke according to right[1] and [1]gode concience and therupon the[2] said ⟨13⟩ parties

[1] above the line.
[2] "the" *is repeated.*

stand bounden everich to other in XXLi' sterling by their severall Obligacions datyd the XXVIIIth day ⟨14⟩ of July the XIXth yere of the reign of Kyng Henry the VIIIth So that we the said arbitrors gave and yeldyn ⟨15⟩ our said arbitrors awarde ordenaunce and Jugement before the XXVIIIth day of the said moneth of July and ⟨16⟩ yere forsaid att whose especiall desire instaunce and request we the said arbtras [*sic*] takyng apon ⟨17⟩ us the charge of arbitrement in this behalf and callyng before us the said parties examynyng the ⟨18⟩ right Title use and interest of all and singler the premisses by greate deliberacion and deliberat advise after ⟨19⟩ dewe examynacion hadde awarde orden' and Jugge accordyng to such' evydences and witnesse as ⟨20⟩ before us where brought declared and shewed in maner and fourme folowyng that is to say that[1] the said ⟨21⟩ Richard Palmer the day of date herof shall by his dede sufficient in the lawe relesse all his right ⟨22⟩ Tytle and use which he or any man have to use in the said mesuage and voyde place with his ⟨23⟩ appurtenaunces to the said John Shipman beyng in his peasible possession and his heirs forever to the use of ⟨24⟩ the said John Shipman and his[2] heirs with a Clause of Warrante of the said Richard Palmer and his ⟨25⟩ heirs within the said Release and that the said Richard Palmer and his heirs att all tymes here after ⟨26⟩ by the space of a hole yere next ensuyng the date herof when the same Richard or his heirs shall be ⟨27⟩ laufully required by the fornamed John Shipman his heirs or assigns shall be redy to doo suffre and ⟨28⟩ cause to be doon and suffer to be doon all and every such thyng to the said John Shipman his ⟨29⟩ heirs or assignes For the extinguisment of the right of the said Richard Palmer and his heirs of and in ⟨30⟩ the said mesuage and voyde place with his appurtenaunces as by the said John Shipman and his heirs or their ⟨31⟩ Counsaill shall be devised or advised at the coste and charge in the lawe of the said John Shipman for the ⟨32⟩ more profite and better suretie and assuraunce of the same John his heirs or assignes to be hadde made and conveid (33) of and in the forsaid mesuage and voyde place with thappurtenaunces and of every parte or parcell therof and also We the ⟨34⟩ arbitras awarde that after the said Release made by the said Richard Palmer to the said John Shipman ⟨35⟩ in maner and fourme forsaid the same John Shipman shall truly contente and pay unto the said Richard Palmer ⟨36⟩ XXti markes of lawfull money of Inglond takyng a gode sufficient and laufull acquytance of the said Richard

[1] above the line.
[2] above the line.

⟨37⟩ Palmer for the payment thereof IN WITNESSE wherof we the said arbitrors to this our present awarde indented ⟨38⟩ severaly
. 270 (*d*) have putt our Sealys and subscribed our names and delyvered unto the said John ⟨1⟩ Shipman the oone Indenture of our said awarde and to the said Richard Palmer the ⟨2⟩ other Indenture of the same awarde IN the presence of Thomas Broke Maire of the ⟨3⟩ saide Towne of Bristowe[1] Thomas Whyte John Ware and Willyam Shipman ⟨4⟩ merchauntes of same Towne. Yoven the XXVIIth day of the said moneth of July the said ⟨5⟩ XIX yere of Kyng Henry the VIIIth.

Acknowledgment of receipt of 20 marks by Richard Palmer.

. 271 Release and Quitclaim by Richard Palmer to John Shipward accordingly dated 28th July 1527

Edwardus dei gracia Rex Anglie Dominus Hibernie et Dux Aquitainie Archiepiscopis Episcopis Abbatibus et Prioribus comitibus Baronibus Justiciariis Viceomitibus prepositis et omnibus ⟨14⟩ ballivis et fidelibus suis Salutem Inspeximus Cartam domini Gilberti quondam Comitis Gloucestrie et Hertfordie in hec verba Gilbertus de Clare Comes Gloucestrie et Hertfordie ⟨15⟩ Omnibus ad quos presentes littere pervenerint Salutem cum didid' celebretarum memoriarum Willelmus et Robertus quondam Comites Gloucestrie et Hertfordie progenitores nostri pro se et heredibus ⟨16⟩ suis Cartis suis concesserunt et confirmaverunt Burgensibus suis de Tewkesbury eorumque heredibus ac successoribus suis libertates infra Scriptum [*sic*] In primis quod Burgenses Burgi ⟨17⟩ predicti haberent et tenerent burgagia sua in burgo predicto per liberum servicium videlicet quilibet eorum unum Burgagium tenens illud per servicium duodecim denariorum per annum eisdem ⟨18⟩ Comitibus reddendorum Et si plura burgagia habuerit quodlibet eorum tenebit per servicium duodecim denariorum per annum unacum servicio faciendi sectam Curiis ipsorum Comitum burgi predicti de ⟨19⟩ Tribus septimanis pro omni servicio haberent et tenerent Ita quod post decessum cuiuscunque burgensium predictorum heres vel heredes sui intraret vel intrarent Burgagium vel burgagia ⟨20⟩ predicta cuiuscunque fuerit vel fuerint etatis illud vel illa tenenda quietam de relevio et herieto Et eisdem Burgensibus cuilibetque eorum quod ipsi Burgagium vel burgagia sua predicta que de ⟨21⟩ adquesito in eodem burgo haberet vel haberent vendere invadiare mutare cum aliis Burgensibus possit vel possint pro

[1] *The words* "of Bristowe" repeated.

voluntate sua sine redempcione aliqua facienda Ita quod ⟨22⟩ Burgenses illi quibus vendita invadita fuerint vel mutata hujusmodi Burgagia cartas sive scripta que inde haberent coram Senescand' [*sic*] predictorum Comitum in curia Burgi demons ⟨23⟩ trarent Et si quis eorum dimidium burgagium teneret illud cum eadem libertate habent qua integrum burgagium tenentes tenerent et haberent secundum quantitatem burgagii sui Et quod nullus ⟨24⟩ burgensis burgi predicti racione burgagii vel dimidii burgagii ullo modo esset talliatus seu redempcionem sanguinis ⟨25⟩ faciet seu inquietaretur ratione venditionis equi aut bovis aut aliorum catallorum suorum quorumcunque sed quilibet eorum sine calumpnia merchandisis suis uteretur Et eisdem Burgensibus ⟨26⟩ quod ipsi testamenta sua facerent catallaque eorum et burgagia que de adquisito haberent licite in testamentis suis legare pro voluntate sua possent Et si contingeret quod siquis ⟨27⟩ eorum depauperetur per quod oporteret ipsum burgagium suum vendere primo peteret a proximo sibi hereditario successive coram vicinis suis per tres vices necessaria sua in victu et ⟨28⟩ in vestitu pro statu suo exigentia quod si sibi facere noluerit liceret ei burgagium suum pro voluntate sua vendere imperpetuum sine calumpnia. Et eisdem Burgensibus quod ⟨29⟩ ipsi panem venalem in furno suo proprio vel alieno cervissiam venalem in brasina sua propria vel aliena facere possent salvo quod assissam regiam tenerent Et quod ipsi ⟨30⟩ facere possent furnos toralia molas manuales absque impedimento Comitum predictorum seu ballivorum suorum quorumcunque Et quod nullus eorum extra burgum per summonicionem ⟨31⟩ aliquam ad hundredum ipsorum Comitum honoris Gloucestrie in Comitatu predicto et ratione Burgagiorum suorum predictorum veniret Et si extraneus qui burgensis non esset nec Filius burgensis ⟨32⟩ Burgagium vel dimidium burgagium in eodem burgo emeret ad proximam Curiam burgi predicti sequentem venerit et finem [pro] ingressu et fidelitatem faceret Et quod omnes ⟨33⟩ burgenses qui burgagium vel dimidium burgagium tenerent Et qui panem et cervisiam venderent venirent Semel ad le Lawedaye annuatim ad la Hokdaye et ibi amerciati ⟨34⟩ essent pro assisa fracta si amerciaturi essent per presentacionem duodecim Ita quod quilibet burgensis responderet pro manupastu filiis et tenentibus [suis] nisi attachiati essent pro trangressione aliqua ⟨35⟩ ad diem predictum responsuri Et eisdem Burgensibus quod ipsi quieti essent de Theolonio et de Custuma infra dominium predictorum Comitum in honore Gloucestrie et alibi in Anglia secundum quod ⟨36⟩ antiquitus usi fuerint Ita quod nullus extraneus emeret blada in

burgo predicto nec in granario poneret seu teneret ultra Octo dies videlicet inter gulam Augusti et festum omnium Sanctorum quod ⟨37⟩ si facerit et de eo conviceretur amerciaretur ad voluntatem dictorum Comitum vel Ballivorum suorum nec post Festum omnium Sanctorum [ad] gulam augusti emeret blanda ad ponenda et ⟨38⟩ tenenda in granario nec cariaret per aquam sine licencia dictorum Comitum vel Ballivorum de burgo predicto Et custumas solvendo Et quod nullus extraneus reciperetur per senescallum ⟨39⟩ Seu per aliquem alium ex parte dictorum Comitum ad essendum infra libertatem predictam nisi testificatum fuerit per legales homines burgi predicti quod esset bonus et fidelis Et si aliquis Burgensis fuerit ⟨40⟩ extra burgum tempore summonicionis curie et non possit rationabiliter premuniri non amerciaretur pro defalta Et si aliquis extraneus reciperetur infra libertatem Burgi predicti inveniret ⟨41⟩ manucaptores quod [?] bono modo et fideliter deportaret predictis Comitibus et Ballivis suis tractabilisque foret Communitati burgi predicti Et quod ipsi burgenses forent ballivi et ⟨42⟩ Cachepolli burgi illius quotienscumque ad hoc electi fuerint ad voluntatem dictorum Comitum Senescallorum et ballivorum suorum et per electionem communitatis Burgi predicti de anno in annum ⟨43⟩ Et quod Burgenses predicti haberent communem pasturam pro averiis suis in communi pastura burgi predicti secundum Burgagia sua que habent in eodem burgo sicut hactenus consueverunt ⟨45⟩ Nos autem donaciones et concessiones predictas Ratas habentes et gratas eas pro nobis et heredibus nostris concedimus et confirmavimus imperpetuum. Hiis Testibus Dominis Bartholomeo de ⟨45⟩ Wodlesmere Rogero Tyrell Gilberto de Sancto Androno Egidio de bello Campo Johanne de Harecourt Roberto de Purs Johanne Tyrell militibus Magistro Ricardo de Clare Johanne ⟨46⟩ de Chelmesfford Clericis et aliis. Dat' apud Rothrewell in Comitatu Northampton', vicesimo sexto die aprilis anno gracie millesimo tricentesimo quarto decimo Regni ⟨47⟩ autem Regis Edwardi filii Regis Edwardi Septimo ⟨48⟩

Fo. 271 (*d*) Inter Recorda de Termino Sancti Michaelis anno XVIII° Regis Henrici Octavi Rotulo XVIII Ex parte Rememoratoris Regis.

Keyage Memorandum quod Anthonius Budgegoode venit coram Baronibus huius Scaccarii XII° die Novembris ⟨1⟩ hoc termino in propria persona sua Et sacramentum prestitit corporale quod cum in parliamento domini Henrici nuper ⟨2⟩ Regis Anglie septimi anno regni sui decimo nono tento inter alia ordinata stabilitata et

inactuata ⟨3⟩ existat quod si aliquis maior vicecomes Ballivus vel alius Officarius in aliqua Civitate Burgo vel ⟨4⟩ villa infra hoc regnum Anglie distrixerit ceperit seu levaverit aliquam custumam vocatam Scavage alias ⟨5⟩ dictam Sewage de aliquo mercatore vel de aliquibus aliis subditis domini Regis indigenis de vel pro ⟨6⟩ aliquo genere mercandisarum domino Regi prius debite custumatarum quod confertur et inducitur per terram ⟨7⟩ vel per aliquam[1] ad vendend' in aliqua civitate Burgo vel villa pro non solucione dicte Custume ⟨8⟩ vocate Scavage aut impedierit vel perturbaverit aliquem mercatorem vel aliquam aliam personam existentem ⟨9⟩ indigenam ad vendend' vel extraponend' mercandisas suas per ipsos adductas in aliquam Civitatem Burgum ⟨10⟩ vel villam quod tunc quilibet maior vicecomes Ballivus vel alius officiarius distringens levans vel capiens ⟨11⟩ aliquod huius Scavage vel aliter contra predictam ordinacionem in aliquo offendens forisfaciat pro qualibet ⟨12⟩ vice qua sic offenderit XXLi unam medietatem domino Regi et alteram medietatem parti gravate vel cuicunque alii [*sic*] ⟨13⟩ qui prius in hac parte prosequi voluerit prout in ordinacione predicta plenius contineter Quidam tamen Robertus ⟨14⟩ Ellyot nuper unus vicecomitum ville Bristollie videlicet a Festo Sancti Michaelis Archangeli anno XIII° Regis huius usque ⟨15⟩ Festum Sancti Michaelis Archangeli anno regni eiusdem domini Regis XIIII° ordinacionem predictam minime ponderans ⟨16⟩ primo die Februarii anno regni dicti Regis XIII° supradicto apud Bristolliam in Comitatu ville Bristollie ⟨17⟩ mercandisas cuiusdam Mauricii Bochor' mercatoris indigeni et ligei domini Regis tunc ibidem existentis videlicit IIII^or ⟨18⟩ Packett' de Canvas et lokeramas[2] ad valenciam XLi' ante tunc a partibus exteris et transmarinis usque et apud ⟨19⟩ Bristolliam predictam adduct' et ibidem ante tunc dicto domino Regi fideliter Custumat' ibidem vendicioni exposit' pro ⟨20⟩ Scagavio sive Shewagio eidem tunc vicecomiti pretenti solvendo minime juste distrixit et easdam IIII^or ⟨21⟩ packett' de Canvas et lokeramas ibidem tunc detinuit quousque idem Mauricius Bocher Octo denarios ⟨22⟩ legalis monete Anglie pro Scavagio predictorum IIII^r packet' de Canvass et lokerams per predictum tunc vicecomitem ⟨23⟩ exactos eodem die racione districtionis predicte eidem vicecomiti apud Bristoliam in Comitatu ville Bristollie solvit ⟨24⟩ quos quidem Octo denarios predictos tunc vicecomes pro scavagio predicto a prefato Mauricio Bocher tunc ibidem ⟨25⟩ receperit et habuit contra formam et

[1] obviously words are missing here.
[2] i.e. " Lockram ", a linen fabric.

effectum Ordinacionis predicte unde predictus Antonius Budgegoode petit ⟨26⟩ avisamentum Curie in premissis Et quod predictus nuper vicecomes respondeat domino [Regi] ⟨27⟩ et sibi prefato Antonio de XXLi' juxta formam Statuti et Ordinacionis ⟨28⟩ predict' Et idem Antonius petit ⟨28⟩ medietatem inde juxta formam dicte Ordinacionis ei adjudicari etc Super quo concordatus est ⟨29⟩ quod predictus Robertus Ellyott veniat hic ad respondendum Domino Regi in premissis et preceptum est vicecomiti ville ⟨30⟩

Bristollie quod predictus Robertus Ellyott venire faciat hic in forma supradicta Ita etc a die Sancti Hillarii in ⟨31⟩ XV dies ad quem diem predictus Robertus Ellyott venit hic per Thomam Alcok attornatum suum Et petit ⟨32⟩ auditum informacionis predicte Et ei legitur etc Qua lecta et audita dicit quod ipse nondum est advisatus ⟨33⟩ ad respondendum etc Et petit ex gracia Curie diem sibi dari citra quem etc Et concessum est ei Et super ⟨34⟩ hoc dies datus est hic prefato Roberto Elyott in statu quo nunc usque a die Pasche in XV dies ad ⟨35⟩ quem diem predictus Robertus Ellyott venit hic per dictum attornatum suum Et dicit quod dictus Rex nunc ipsum ⟨36⟩ Robertum racione informacionis predicte ulterius impetere seu occasionare non debet Quia protestando quod informacio ⟨37⟩ predicta minus sufficiens est in lege ad quam necesse non habet nec per legem terre tenetur respondere ⟨38⟩ pro placito tamen predictus Robertus Elyott dicit quod villa Bristollie est antiqus [*sic*] Burgus [et] in dicta villa Bristollie ⟨39⟩ est et a tempore cuius contrarii memoria hominum non existit fuit et ad huc est quedam communis Kaia super ⟨40⟩ Ripam Rivuli ibidem vocati Avon situata infra libertatem eiusdem ville Et quod maior vicecomes Ballivi et Communitas ⟨41⟩ ville predicte et omnes predecessores sui per totum tempus predictum pro reperacione emendacione et sustentacione Kaie ⟨42⟩ predicte habuerunt levaverunt et receperunt ac habere levare et recipere consueverunt de quibuscunque mercatoribus ⟨43⟩ tam indigenis quam alienigenis ad dictam villam confluentibus pro omnimodis generibus mercandisarum et mercimoniorum suorum in ⟨44⟩ aliquibus Navibus Batellis sive vasis a partibus exteris et transmarinis usque ad Kaiam predictam adductis ibidem ad ⟨45⟩ terram positis et discarcatis quandam pecunie summam vocatam Kaiam[1] ⟨46⟩ videlicet et juxta ratam pro quolibet pondere dolii ponder'[2] mercandisarum et

[1] *The words* " predict', addict', et ibidem ad terram posit' " *struck out.*

[2] This word is presumably repeated in error.

mercimoniorum predictorum XIId nomine ⟨47⟩ Kaiagii Et predicti maior vicecomites Ballivi et communitas ville predicte et omnes predecessores sui per totum ⟨48⟩ tempus predictum omnimodas mercandisas et mercimonia sic super Kaiam predictam posit' et discarcat' pro Kaiagio ⟨49⟩ predicto distrixerunt et penes eos retinere ac distringere et[1] penes eos retinere[1] consueverunt et
Fo. 272 usi fuerunt ⟨50⟩ quousque ipsi de Kaiagio mercandisas sive mercimonia illa contingenti plenarie fuerint satisfacti et persolut' Et ulterius ⟨1⟩ predictus Robertus Elyott dicit quod predictus Mauricius Bocher informatione predicta nominatus dicto primo die ⟨2⟩ Februarii anno regni dicti domini Regis nunc Henrici Octavi XIII° a dictis partibus exteris et transmarinis usque predictam villam Bristollie ⟨3⟩ mercandisas predictas informacione specificatas in quadam Navicula nomine ignorat' per aquam adduxit et contulit et ⟨4⟩ easdem mercandisas tunc ibidem super Kaiam predictam posuit et discarcavit Cuius pretextu dictus Robertus Elyott tunc unus vicecomitum ville predicte ut in jure et nomine maioris vicecomitum Ballivorum et Communitatis eiusdem ville predicte IIII^or^ paccos de Kanvas ⟨6⟩ et lokeram videlicet juxta ratam cujuslibet dolii ponderis XIId satisfact' et persolut' fuit prout ei bene licuit Absque ⟨7⟩ hoc quod predictus Robertus Ellyott distrixit predictos IIII^or^ paccos de Canvass et lokerham pro octo denariis pro Scavagio ⟨8⟩ sive Sewagio de eisdem IIII^or^ paccis de Canvas et lokerham exactis contra formam actus predicti modo et forma prout ⟨9⟩ per informacionem predictam supponitur Et absque hoc quod predictus Robertus Elyott distrixit predictos IIII^or^ paccos de Canvas ⟨10⟩ et lokerham pro aliqua alia causa sive exactione preterquam pro predictis Octo denariis pro kaiagio eorundem IIII^or^ paccorum de ⟨11⟩ Canvas et lokerham debitis et pertinentibus modo et forma prout predictus Robertus Elyott superius allegavit Que omnia et singula ⟨12⟩ predictus Robertus paratus est verificare prout Curia etc Unde petit Judicium Et quod ipse quoad premissa ab hac Curia dimittatur etc ⟨13⟩ Et quia Curia vult avisari de placito predicto dies datus est hic tam prefato Antonio etc quam prefato Roberto Elyott ⟨14⟩ in statu quo nunc usque a die Sancte Trinitatis in XV dies . . . [From this point there are successive days appointed when the jury are summoned but fail to appear until a jury finally appear and deliver the verdict following.] quod infrascriptus
Fo. 272 (d) Robertus Elliott non distrixit infraspecificatos IIII^or^ paccos de canvas et lokerham exactos contra formam actus predicti ⟨1⟩ modo

[1–1] These words were presumably repeated in error.

et forma prout per informacionem predictam versus eum supponitur Et similiter juratores predicti dicunt quod predictus Robertus ⟨2⟩ Elliott non distrixit IIII^{or} paccos de canvas et lokerham pro aliqua alia causa sive exactione preterquam pro predictis ⟨3⟩ Octo denariis pro Kaiagio eorundem IIII^{or} paccorum de Canvas et lokerham debitis et pertinentibus modo et forma prout ⟨4⟩ infrascriptus Robertus ulterius allegavit ideo etc Et quia Curia vult advisari de premissis antequam ulterius etc ⟨5⟩ dies datus est prefato Roberto Eliott in Statu quo nunc usque de die Sancte Trinitatis in XV dies ad audiendum ⟨6⟩ Judicium suum etc ad quem diem predictus Robertus Eliott venit hic per dictum attornatum suum ⟨7⟩ Et habet diem ulterius ex causa predicta usque a die Sancti Michaelis in XV dies ad quem diem predictus Robertus ⟨8⟩ Eliott venit hic per dictum attornatum suum Et visis premissis per Barones Habitaque inde matura deliberacione inde ⟨9⟩ inter eosdem dictum est per eosdem Barones prefato Roberto Eliott quod quo ad premissa et ad presens sine die salva ⟨10⟩ semper accione Regis si alias inde loqui voluerit ⟨11⟩

In Camera Stellata nono die Novembris anno

regni regis Henrici Octavi XXIII°

In the mater in variaunce bitwen Robert Graunger playntyff and Robert Poole and Thomas ⟨12⟩ Bell Sheryffes of the Towne of Gloucestre defendauntes that forasmoche as upon the ⟨13⟩ examinacion and heryng of the same matier it did manyfestlye and playnly appere that the ⟨14⟩ said sheriffes did stopp and staye thre waye and six busshelles of whete of the maier and ⟨15⟩ Comminaltie of the Towne of Brystowe whiche whete was provided by the same Robert Graynger ⟨16⟩ for thuse and behofe of the same Towne of Bristowe in tyme of Scrarsenes [*sic*] and necessite ⟨17⟩ and allso for that the said sheriffs and without any sufficient auctorite and lauful meanys ⟨18⟩ make sale of the same whete and corne It is therfore this daye ordred and decreyd that the ⟨19⟩ said Sheryffes shall on this side the feast of the Nativitie of our lord god next comyng deliver ⟨20⟩ or cause to be delyvered at the Towne of Bristowe to thuse of the same Towne so moche gode ⟨21⟩ whete and corne as the same Sheryfs toke and hadd away from the said Robert ⟨22⟩ Graunger whiche whete dyd amounte to Tree [*sic*] waye and syx bussheles ⟨23⟩ and for as moche as it did allso appere uppon the further examinacyon of the same mater ⟨24⟩ how the takyng and sale of the same whete and corne made by the said Sheryffes was

⟨25⟩ had and don by the comaundement of one Willyam Hassard then beyng maire of the said ⟨26⟩ Towne of Gloucester It is therfore eftsones ordred that a subpena be directed unto the same ⟨27⟩ Willyam Hassard commaundyng hym by vertue of the same tappere here in this honorable court of Sterryd ⟨28⟩ Chambre in the Utas of Seynt Hillary next

Ex decreto domini Cancellarii et aliorum de Concilio domini Regis die et anno supradict'

Tho. Eden

Memorandum that it is ordred that the late maire and Sheriffes of the Towne of Gloucestre shall ⟨30⟩ content and paye to the mayre and comminaltie of the Towne of Bristowe towarde their costes and ⟨31⟩ charges ratyd here by the lord Chaunceler the Summe of Six poundes Thirtene Shilinges and ⟨32⟩ foure pens as appereth by the byll of the same costes ratyd here in opyn court the XXIIIth day of Novembre ⟨33⟩ anno regni regis Henrici octavi XXIII° ⟨34⟩

Eden

XXII^do^ die Februarii anno regni
regis Henrici VIII XXVI^to^

Fo. 273 Memorandum that where variaunces and debates nowe depending and before this tyme have byn ⟨1⟩ depending betwene the lorde Prior of Saint Jones of Jerusalem in Ingland and the mayer and ⟨2⟩ Comminaltie of the Towne of Bristowe concernyng diverse liberties and Franycheses whiche the ⟨3⟩ said lorde prior claymeth to have in a strete called Temple Strete within the saide Towne ⟨4⟩ and Countie of Bristowe whiche variaunces and debates apperith in certen articles as ⟨5⟩ herafter folowithe ⟨6⟩ In primis where the said lorde prior claymethe to have privelege of Seintuarye in the ⟨7⟩ saide Strete for the tuicon of ffelons and murderers and also claymed to have a lawe day ⟨8⟩ in the seyde Strete and all that belongith thereto and claymeth to have Returna Brevium and ⟨9⟩ the execucion of the same within the same strete and also claymethe that hys Tenauntes ⟨10⟩ the Inhabitauntes within the said Strete shulde kepe open ther' Shoppes to bye and sell ⟨11⟩ bing [*sic*] no Burgenc' of the saide Town and Countie whiche all and every of the said articles The ⟨12⟩ saide maier and Comminaltie of the saide Towne denyed [and] saide that the saide prior oughte not ⟨13⟩ to have eny suche liberties and Fraunchcheses within the said Strete and Countie of Bristoll all ⟨14⟩ whiche matters

aswell by thassent of the saide lorde prior as by the saide mayer and Comminaltia [*sic*] ⟨15⟩ of the saide Town were putte in the awarde order and rule of Sir John FitsJames Knighte ⟨16⟩ Cheff Justece of Englond and of Syr Richard Broke Knighte Cheff Baron of the Kyngis ⟨17⟩ Excheker whiche arbitrors by good deliberate advyse att severall tymes calling before ⟨18⟩ them the saide parties bering their titles awnswers and Replicacions made their award ⟨19⟩ and ordre concernyng the premisses as hereafter folowithe ⟨20⟩ In primis the saide arbitrors awarded by thassent and agrement of the sayde parties That if eny ⟨21⟩ maner of ffelones or suspectes of felony or any other misdoer frome hensforthe com' in to the ⟨22⟩ saide Strete claymeng to have tuycion of libertie of Sentuarie within the same that then ⟨23⟩ it shalbe lefull for the mayer and Shereves of the same Towne and their officers for the ⟨24⟩ tyme being to take all such ffelons or suspectes without lette or disturbaunce of the sayde ⟨25⟩ lorde prior or of his officers or of eny other by hys or their Comaundement etc and that ffrom ⟨26⟩ hensforthe the said Liberate [*sic*] of Seyntuarie utterly be voide. Allso the saide arbutrors ⟨27⟩ awarde that all Warrauntes preceptes and other processe made or to be made by the Justices or eny Justice of peace within the saide Town and Countie of Bristowe that from hensforthe ⟨29⟩ shalbe directed unto eny maner of person or persones for the servyng of the same that then ⟨30⟩ it shall be leefull for hym or them to whom suche warraunte or other processe is directed ⟨31⟩ to entre to the saide Strete and to serve the same process Warraunte or Warrauntes without ⟨32⟩ lette or distourbance of the saide lorde Prior as is before seide etc ⟨33⟩ Allso as toching all the Residue of the saide Articles whiche as yet Remayneth undetermyned ⟨34⟩ and ordered betwene the saide partes the said arbitrors Willethe and ordereth that bothe the ⟨35⟩ saide parties shall ffynde sufficient sureties to be Bounden every of them to other in the ⟨36⟩ Somme of [[1]] to abide the awarde ordinaunces and jugement of the said arbitrors of and apon the ⟨37⟩ foreseid articles not yett discussed nor determyned so ther awarde be made before the feste ⟨38⟩ of all Sayntes next comyng and in the mean tyme bothe the sayde parties shall use ⟨39⟩ and occupie the saide libertes not determyned in maner and forme as they have done in tyme paste ⟨40⟩ provyded alway that the saide occupieng and sufferaunce of the same in the meantyme ⟨41⟩ shall not be prejudiciall nor hurtfull unto eny of the saide parteis ⟨42⟩

[1] It is impossible to determine the amount from the text.

Fo. 273 (*d*) This Indenture made the XX^ti^ Daie of May in the XXVI^ti^ yere of the reign of our soveraigne Lorde ⟨1⟩ Kyng Henry the Eight Betwene the maier and Commynaltie of the Towne of Bristoll on the one ⟨2⟩ partie and the Bayliffes and Burgesses of the Borough and towne of Tewkessbery on the ⟨3⟩ oder partie Witnessithe that the said mayer Burges and Commynaltie and their successours ⟨4⟩ Covenauntithe to and with the said Bayliffes and Burgesses of the said Borough and town ⟨5⟩ of Tewkesbere and their successours that every Burges of the said Borough and towne ⟨6⟩ of Tewkesbery shall be quite and dyscharged of all maner of Tolles Customes and ⟨7⟩ oder Imposicions used to be taken within the said towne of Bristoll for any maner of ⟨8⟩ ware or other stuffe by them or any of them to be Brought carid or recaried to or for ⟨9⟩ the said towne of Bristoll but shall be free therof Except keyage onely Whiche the ⟨10⟩ said Baillifes and Burgesses of Tewkesbery and their successours by these presentes covenaunt ⟨11⟩ to and with the sayd mayer and Burgeses and Commynalties of the said towne of Bristoll ⟨12⟩ and their Successours that every Burges of the said Borowe and towne of Tewkesbere ⟨13⟩ shall content and paie without any contradiccion or denyer to the said maier ⟨14⟩ Burgeses and Commynaltie of the said towne of Bristoll in manner and fourme following ⟨15⟩ That ys to saie for every Tonne of all maner wares and merchaundises being of[1] ⟨16⟩ their owen proper goodis hereafter to be charged or Discharged within the liberties of the ⟨17⟩ sayd towne of Bristoll[2] IIIId for every half ton[2] IId and every quarter of a tonne a Id All maner of Corne ⟨18⟩ Graynes and Colys By the said bayliffes and burgesses of the said Borough and towne of ⟨19⟩ Tewkesbery or any of them at the said Kye or oder place within the liberties of ⟨20⟩ the saide towne to be charged and Discharged onely Excepted In witnes therof ⟨21⟩ to the one parte of this present Indenture Remayning with the said Baillifes and ⟨22⟩ Burgeses of Tewkesbery the maier and Commynaltie of Bristoll have putt ther ⟨23⟩ Common Seall and to the oder parte of thys Indentur remayning with the said ⟨24⟩ maier and Commynaltie of Bristoll The Bayliffes and Burgeses of Tewkesbery ⟨25⟩ have putt their Commen Seall yoven the daie and yere above written ⟨26⟩ The award wherupon this indenture is made is Inrolled in this present Boke anterius Folio C C L VIII

Fo. 274 Rentale Maioris et Communitatis ville Bristollie Tempore Johannis Shipward Maior ⟨1⟩ Johannis Hawkis vicecomitis Willelmi

[1] 'Bristoll' and the line that follows struck out.

[2] Above the line. The passage should be preceded by the words 'for every ton'.

Brydde et Walteri Coston Ballivorum predicte ville anno regni Regis ⟨2⟩ Edwardi Quarti post conquestum Anglie Tertio a Festo Sancti Michaelis Archangeli usque idem Festum ⟨3⟩ tunc in Anno proximo sequenti ⟨4⟩ per quartarium

REDCLYF STRETE

⟨5⟩ Of John Shoppe for a Toure over Redclyff Yate and 1 mese IIIs. IIIId.
⟨6⟩ Of William Denham for a parcell of lande besyde the Inner
⟨7⟩ Yate of Redclyff and for a Esement that John Wyke Heelde VId
⟨8⟩ Of William Denham for certeyne lande of the Communes IId
⟨9⟩ Of [1] for a voyde grounde bytwene Redclyff yate and Temple .. .. VId
⟨10⟩ Of a laane froo Redclyfstrete Into Seynt Thomas Churche yarde .. .. VId

SEYNT THOMAS STRETE

⟨11⟩ Of Thomas Canynges for londe of Communes In the Corner of Hounden Lane .. .. Id
⟨12⟩ Of the same Thomas for the Comyne Dyche there .. Id
⟨13⟩ Of a Tenement some tyme Thomas Norton now Richard Forster for a dyche .. .. IIId
⟨14⟩ Of William Wanstree for a Toure of the Commyns In to his Gardeyn .. .. Id
⟨15⟩ Of a Tenement some tyme of William Pays bildyd over the Comyne dyche the tyme of Thomas Yonge maire and to distrayn in all Pays is londes .. .. IIId

TEMPLE STRETE

⟨17⟩ Of a commyne wey in Templestrete .. .. IIIId
⟨18⟩ Of a Toure over Temple Yate that John George holdith Vd
⟨19⟩ Of a pasture yclepyd Baste havyn .. .. VId
⟨20⟩ Of [2] for the Toure harryes .. IIId
⟨21⟩ Of the Priour of Wytham for a Tenement over Contasslypp q'
⟨22⟩ Of John Jay the elder for a easement behynde the house late John Hookeis .. .. VId

[1] The name is left blank.
[2] The name is left blank.

⟨23⟩ Of Thomas Hore in Templestrete for a Retrasse to ⟨24⟩ supporte the hows that William Polgryme helde .. IIId
⟨25⟩ Of Harry Buseley for a tenement in Westbury lane otherwise Skarlet lane .. .. IIId
⟨26⟩ Of Harry Hoppys house in Towkerstrete .. IIId
⟨27⟩ Of the Maister of Seynt Katerynes that Hugh Wythyford heelde .. .. IIId

THE BRYGGE

Fo. 274 (*d*) ⟨1⟩ Of William Canynges for ii shoppes that Robert Staynoure ⟨2⟩ and Hugh Sadiller nowe there holden .. VIIIs VIIId
⟨3⟩ Of Sir John Saymoure Knyght for a tenement that William Fylour and Robert Lylly now holdeth .. .. .. IIIIs
⟨4⟩ Of Sir Walter Rodeney for ii shoppis that Walter Hosyer Ropir Holdith .. .. VIs
⟨5⟩ Of the Pryour of Witham for a tenement that Roger Spencer dwellith yn .. .. ..
⟨6⟩ A tenement that John Sherpe Skynner holdyth a tenement that John Leche there holdyth .. ..
⟨7⟩ A tenement that Hugh Thomas holdith and to distreyn where that ⟨8⟩ they lyke best and that poyntment was made the tyme of John Spyne Maire .. .. XIIIIs IIIId
⟨9⟩ Of the procuratours of the Chapell for a tenement VIIs VId
⟨10⟩ Of the seid procuratours for a Tenement that Thomas Cardemaker holdith .. .. IIIs IId
⟨11⟩ Of the seid procuratours for a Tenement that Clement Cotiller holdith there .. .. IIIs IId
⟨12⟩ Of the seid procuratours for a Tenement that [1] holdith .. .. IIIIs IId
⟨13⟩ Of the seid procuratours for a Tenement that Robert Messanger there holdith .. .. IIIs
⟨14⟩ Of a tenement that now Richard Wexmaker is wyfe there holdyth .. .. IIIs
⟨15⟩ Of a tenement that some tyme John Leeche there held Vs
⟨16⟩ Of William Talbot for a Tenement that Richard his son there holdith .. .. IIIs IIIId
⟨17⟩ Of a Tenement that William Talbot dwellyth Inne .. Vs
⟨18⟩ Of a Tenement that John Weston Potykary holdith XXd
⟨19⟩ Of a Tenement that Phillipp Glover nowe holdyth XXd

[1] name left blank.

⟨20⟩ Of a Tenement some tyme Walter Frompton that now Margaret Wyott holdith .. .. .. XVIs VIIIId
⟨21⟩ Of a Tenement atte the Corner that now William Elyot holdyth .. .. Vs
⟨22⟩ Of Sir John Saymoure Knyght for a voyde grounde where John Cogan ys .. .. Id ob'
⟨23⟩ Of Walter Hendy for his place som tyme of Thomas Gylmyn IIs VId
⟨24⟩ Of the same Walter for a Tenement some tyme Nicholas Draper ys .. .. IIs VId
⟨25⟩ Of the prest of Spycer ys Chauntery for William Holywell ys place .. .. IIs VId
⟨26⟩ Of the same Preest for a stewe to the same Tenement Id ob'
⟨27⟩ Of Harry Weston for a Tenement that Alsyn Sutton there holdith .. .. Xd

UPPON AVEN BAKKE

⟨28⟩ Of the procuratours of laffordes Yate for ii tenementis by Aven Prevey .. .. VIIId
⟨29⟩ Of William Roberds Fysshemonger for a easement on the Towne wall .. .. VId
⟨30⟩ Of William Spencer for a parcell of londe of the Communes In the Toure .. .. XIId
⟨31⟩ Of the same William for an easement withyn Aven Marsshe to make Ropis .. .. XXd
⟨32⟩ Of John Boorne for a tenement that William Roberdes haldeth [*sic*] .. .. IIIId ob'
⟨33⟩ Of Spycer is Cauntrye prest for a tenement that William Asshelyn haldith .. .. Id
⟨34⟩ Of [1] .. .. XXIIIs IIIId
⟨35⟩ Of a shoppe that John Seynt there holdyth .. Vs
⟨36⟩ Of a Shoppe that John Boole Baker there holdith Vs

BALDEWYNE AND BASTE STRETES

o. 275 ⟨1⟩ Of John Calff Peauterer for a tenement that he there holdith IIIIs
⟨2⟩ Of John Hebdon for a shopp that he there holdyth IIIIs
⟨3⟩ Of Robert Forde for a Shopp that he there holdith Vs
⟨14⟩ Of Thomas Jonys Shypman for a shoppe .. IIIs
⟨5⟩ Of Thomas Whyte Maryner for a shoppe .. IIIs IIIId

[1] name left blank.

⟨6⟩ Of Thomas Fyssher Wever for a shoppe .. XVd
⟨7⟩ Of Watkyn Jamys for a shoppe[1] .. .. XVd
⟨8⟩ Of Watkyn Hosyer for a shoppe .. .. .. XVd
⟨9⟩ Of William Hert Carpynter for a shoppe .. .. XVd
⟨10⟩ Of Jeonet Piers for a shoppe .. .. .. XVd
⟨11⟩ Of Walter Whyte for a Schoppe .. .. XVd
⟨12⟩ Of howell Sawyer for a shoppe .. .. .. XVd
⟨13⟩ Of Lytyll Alson for a shoppe .. .. .. XVd
⟨14⟩ Of Stephyn Carpynter for a shoppe .. .. XVd
⟨15⟩ Of William Wanstree for a tenement by the Towne Walle IIIs IIIId
⟨16⟩ Of the same William for a Towre ycallyd Auberies Towre IIIs IIIId
⟨17⟩ Of John Savage for a Tenement at Baldewyne crosse that William Hart halt [*sic*] .. .. Id ob'

FYSSHERLANE

⟨18⟩ Of John Shypward for a celar Imade under the comyne grounde .. .. VId
⟨19⟩ Of the same John for a nother Celar Imade in the same wyse .. .. IId
⟨20⟩ Of the same John for a tenement that some tyme Robert Gardyner heeld .. .. XIId
⟨21⟩ Of John Pavy for 11 Shoppys the which he and John Gough holdith .. .. Xd
⟨22⟩ Of the proctours of Seynt Leonardys for certeyn of Grounde VId
⟨23⟩ Of the tenement that Thomas Rogers holdith .. XXd
⟨24⟩ Of William Pavy for a selar under the comyne grounde IIId

MERSSHE STRETE

Fo. 275 (*d*) ⟨1⟩ Of the Parson of Saynt Stephyns for certayn londe to his Gardeyne .. .. IIIId
⟨2⟩ Of John Burton for a tenement sometyme William Booke is callid a Thoroughows .. .. IIId
⟨3⟩ Of the same John for a dore in the Communes Wall some tyme Thomas Knappe is .. .. Id ob'
⟨4⟩ Of Margaret Bolton for a dore and for a parcell of the Communes wall .. .. Id ob'
⟨5⟩ Of John Bagod for a dore in the Commune wall some tyme Thomas Mychell' .. .. IIId

[1] *The words* " for a shoppe " *repeated.*

⟨6⟩ Of William Howell for a doore in the Communes walle some tyme Robert Russell' .. .. IIId
⟨7⟩ Of William Pavy for a doore in the Communes wall that Stephyn Canon holdith .. .. IId
⟨8⟩ Of the maister of the Fraternytee of Seynt John is for Peryn Carpynter is hows .. .. IIId
⟨9⟩ Of Richard Erle for an Esement in the Comyne Dyyche [*sic*] Vd

UPPON THE KEY

⟨10⟩ Of John Sherpe for a Towre uppon the key .. VIs
⟨11⟩ Of a tenement some tyme John Barstaple a geinste the Brasyn Stokke .. .. XIId
⟨12⟩ Of the Trynyte Taverne for a entrie In to the vawte of the said Taverne .. .. IIIId
⟨13⟩ Of William Pavy for a tenement and certeyn grounde of the Communes uppon the key .. .. .. VIs VIIId
⟨14⟩ Of a Shoppe atte Seynt Gyle is Yate that W. Don holdith of Roger Karleton .. .. IIs
⟨15⟩ Of the same Roger for Rent of the Towre .. XXd
⟨16⟩ Of the seid William Pavy for a Selar made under the Communes ground .. .. IIId

GROPE LANE

⟨17⟩ Of William Power Wever for a lytyll gardeyn be hynde his house .. .. IIIId ob'
⟨18⟩ Of John Roant for certeyn shoppis .. .. IIId
. 276 (*a*) ⟨1⟩ Of Richard Erle for 11 shoppis .. .. IIIId ob'
⟨2⟩ Of the same Richard for 1111 shoppis next XIIIId ob'
⟨3⟩ Of the seid Richard for a parcell [of] lond in the Pyttehey be hynde his place .. .. Id ob'
⟨4⟩ Of Sir John Saymour Knyght for a tenement that Richard Bailly dwellith yn .. .. Id
⟨5⟩ Of Thomas Bateman for a door in the Comynes wall IIIId
⟨6⟩ Of a Towre be hynde the plaace some tyme the lord Burnell is .. .. IIId
⟨7⟩ Of William Howell for a Towre and a parcell of the Communes Wall .. .. Vd
⟨8⟩ Of Richard Haddon for a gardeyn some tyme Johne atte Sillar .. .. Id ob'
⟨9⟩ Of John Lewys hooper for 11 Tourys and a gardeyn with yn the wall .. .. XIIIId

⟨10⟩ Of William Joce for a parcell of land in the Pyttehay that Richard Haddon holdith.. .. .. IIId
⟨11⟩ Of Richard Wylly Brewer for an easement of the Pyttehay Wynche .. .. VId
⟨12⟩ Of the Tenement over Ailewarde is Yate that the porter holdyth .. .. XXd
⟨13⟩ Of a Tenement y callyd Monkebrigge .. .. Xs
⟨14⟩ Of John Mattock for a house that William Power Wever holdith .. .. IIId

KNYFESMYTHSTRETE

⟨15⟩ Of a tenement that Edmond Westecote holdith for a vyce XVd
⟨16⟩ Of John Sherpe for a door in the Communes Wall that John Socour Baker holdith .. .. Id
⟨17⟩ Of John Shipward for a doore in the Communes wall where W Molens dwellith .. .. Id ob'
⟨18⟩ Of a tenement over Froome Gate .. IIs VId
⟨19⟩ Of John Sharpe for a towre that William Hardewiche held XXd
⟨20⟩ Of a tenement to foore the Crosse atte the Slyppe some tyme the lady Droys is .. .. XVd
⟨21⟩ Of a Tenement of the Maister of the Gaunts for a dore in the Communes wall .. .. XXd
⟨22⟩ Of a Schoppe in the Northe syde of Frome Yate that Agnes Sawyer haldyth [*sic*] .. .. IIIIs
⟨23⟩ Of a schoppe next that Agnes Huntyngdon holdyth VIs VIIId
⟨24⟩ Of 11 shopis in the Sowthe syde of the yate that Thomas Stokes now holdith .. .. XXd
⟨25⟩ Of a schoppe withoute the yate that Harry Drane late heeld .. .. XIId

Fo. 276 (b) HORSE STRETE

⟨1⟩ Of a Brewehous atte the Foote of Stypestrete that John Dygon holdyth .. .. XVs IIIId
⟨2⟩ Of an hows in horstrete which John de Porte maryner holdith .. .. Vs
⟨3⟩ Of an hows next to that John the Clerk of Seint Michels holdyth .. .. Vs

⟨4⟩ Of William Powneham for 11 Shoppys that W Cardemaker and others holdyth .. .. IIId
⟨5⟩ Of John Sherpe for V shoppis that John Bagour Cotyller and
⟨6⟩ Perkyn Pecok and William Gonner with othir holdyth XIId
⟨7⟩ Of John Pavy for a Tenement to foore the Mary that Davy Kemys haldyth [*sic*] .. .. IId
⟨8⟩ Of a Lytyll laane besyde the hows that Stephyn Canon heeld Id ob'
⟨9⟩ Of Avyce Nele for 111 tenementis besydes the Whyte Frerys the ⟨10⟩ Procuratourys of Redeclyff holdyth hit .. IIId
⟨11⟩ Of John Barret for a hows and a gardeyn uppon Mighell hylle .. .. XIId
⟨12⟩ Of Sir John Saymour for a Bakke in the hows that John Durell held .. .. Id
⟨13⟩ Of the Abbot and the Awemyner of Seynt Austynes for a voyde ⟨14⟩ Grounde atte Brannedon hylle .. .. .. Id
⟨15⟩ Of a Gardeyn that John Seynt holdith next to John Tanner Smyth .. .. VId
⟨16⟩ Of John Dygon Smyth for a voyde grounde next where he dwellith .. .. Xd

LEWENYSMEDE THE WERE AND LAFFARDES YATE

Fo. 277 (a) ⟨1⟩ Of Sir John Saymour knyght for 11 shoppys in Lewenysmede sometyme I Droys .. .. VId
⟨2⟩ Of Lawrance Merbury for VI shoppys in Seynt James Churchehey .. .. VIId ob'
⟨3⟩ Of Margaret Bolton for a Tenement that John William haldith [*sic*] .. .. IXd
⟨4⟩ Of the procuratours of Seynt Petir is Church for a gardeyn ground bi the castel mill .. .. IIId
⟨5⟩ Of the Priour of Seynt Jamys for certayn postis bi the same mill .. .. Id ob'
⟨6⟩ Of Thomas Oseney for a Brygge fro his hows in to Erlesmede Id
⟨7⟩ Of Roger Strete for a nother Brygge fro his hows in lyke wysse Id
⟨8⟩ Of Sir John Saymour knyght for a Commune dyche besyde laffordes Yate .. .. IIIId ob'
⟨9⟩ Of the feoffours of John Barstaple for the Comyne Dyche
⟨10⟩ Where that John Browne dwellyth .. .. IIIId
⟨16⟩ Of Richard Geffrey for a gardeyn by the blacke Frerys IXd

WYNCHESTRETE

⟨12⟩ Of an hows that Harry Vayne haldyth [*sic*] next to Canynges Rent .. .. XVd
⟨13⟩ Of William Leget for a schopp that he holdeth there XVIIIId
⟨14⟩ Of John Browne for a shopp that he there holdyth XVIIIId
⟨15⟩ Of John Fourde Skynner for a shopp that he there holdith IIIs IIIId
⟨16⟩ Of John Pynner for a shopp that he holdeth there IIs
⟨17⟩ Of Richard Buttiller Cotyller for a Shopp .. XVIIIId
⟨18⟩ Of a Gardeyn that Thomas Smyth there holdyth IIId
⟨19⟩ Of a Toure and certeyn Shoppes in Towre lane in the baillifs handes .. .. XXVs
⟨20⟩ Of Thomas Chyltenham for a Toure and a gardeyn with certeyn shoppys .. .. IIIs IIIId
⟨21⟩ Of a Towre over love yate with othir easement .. .. VId
⟨22⟩ Of Richard Haddon for a easement to a tenement in Wynchestrete .. .. Id ob'

Fo. 277 (*b*) ADHUC WYNCHESTRETE

⟨1⟩ Of the Procuratours of Seynt Kateryns for Richard Fourbour is hows .. .. XXd
⟨2⟩ Of William Knyght Brewer for his hows .. IIIs IIIId
⟨3⟩ Of Margery Skacy for hur place a yenst Cryst Church Vs
⟨4⟩ Of Thomas Allecley Smyth for a litill hows besydes his hows Id
⟨5⟩ Of John Dynt for a voyde place be hynde his Tenementis XIId
⟨6⟩ Of a Stable and a voyde place that Walter Southemede holdith .. .. IIIs IIIId
⟨7⟩ Of Margaret Bolton for a voyde place besydes Chekerhall XXd
⟨8⟩ Of a place that John Lewys hooper holdith .. [1]

WORSCHUPSTRETE

⟨9⟩ Of 11 shoppes that William Hackett holdyth there IIIs IIIId
⟨10⟩ Of a Tenement that Thomas Calycote there holdith XVIIIId
⟨11⟩ Of a Tenement that William Pascowe late there held IIId
⟨12⟩ Of John by Grace for a Tenement next to seint Petir is Church .. .. IIIIs
⟨13⟩ Of a Tenement that is falle some tyme John Byddyll is XVd
⟨14⟩ Of a Tenement to foore Seint Petyr ys Church that John Williams Tournour holdith .. .. .. IIIs IIIId

[1] Amount left blank.

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⟨15⟩ Of a nother tenement that John Norreys Bowyer late held IIIs IIIId

⟨16⟩ Of a Corner Tenement that William Seynt late held [1]

HIGHSTRETE

⟨17⟩ Of Watkyn Norton for a tenement that John de Meere holdyth .. .. Vs

⟨18⟩ Of Richard Haddon for a tenement that Thomas Jones Taillour holdith .. .. IIIIs

⟨19⟩ Of Eborard Frenssh is Chauntery for Richard Walsch is hows .. .. Xd

⟨20⟩ Of Lawrance Merbury for a tenement that John Laynell holdith .. .. Id ob,

Fo. 278 (a) BRADDESTRETE

⟨1⟩ Of William Taverner for John Nancothan is hows Id ob'

⟨2⟩ Of William Canynges for a Sillar under the yelde halle IIIs IIIId

⟨3⟩ Of John Gaywode for a Sellar under the Counsell howse XXd

⟨4⟩ Of John Hoper Towker for a Sellar undir Seint George is chapell .. .. XXd

⟨5⟩ Of the Parson and the Procuratours of Seint Jonys for the approwyng .. ..

⟨6⟩ to thaym self of the Communes grounde that they have to the Churche and ⟨7⟩ to distresse in the tenement that William Wareyn late held to fore the yelde halle .. .. .. IIId

⟨8⟩ Of the procuratours of Cryst Church for dyverses standynges aboute the Church .. .. IIIs IIIId

CORNESTRETE AND SEINT NICHOLAS STREETE

⟨9⟩ Of Thomas Barbour for the corner tenement by All Halowyn pipe .. .. Id ob'

⟨10⟩ Of the Kalenders for a parcell of the Commune soile that Robert Doly holdith .. .. Id ob'

⟨11⟩ Of John Swancot for a tenement that he holdith XVs

⟨12⟩ Of Watkyn Corston for a Tenement that he holdyth III li

⟨13⟩ Of Mathewe Jubbes [for] a tenement I callid Cokkyns Place IIIs IIIId

⟨14⟩ Of John Streynesham for an howse and a Cellar IIIs IIIId

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Fo.279 (a)[1] *to 280 (d)* The document of which the following is a summary was enrolled on the 13th March 1540.

BARGAIN AND SALE

DATED 4th October 1539

PARTIES

(1) Francis Stradlyng of Bristol Esquire
(2) Nicholas Wodhouse of Bristol tanner.

PRICE £46.

PARCELS FIRSTLY a tenement on the Were in the suburbs of Bristol lying between a garden belonging to Thomas Broke Lord Cobham and a tenement belonging to the Mayor and Commonalty of Bristol and extending backwards from the Were to the River Frome SECONDLY a tenement pigeon house and five gardens fronting the way leading from the Bridge of the Were to Laffardes Gate and bounded by a garden formerly belonging to Sir John Seymour but then to Henry Whyte haberdasher on the West a garden lately belonging to Robert Gyrdler and the ditch of the Town on the north and the said way on the South THIRDLY a stable in St. Mary Street lying between a tenement belonging to the Master of St. John's and his brethren and a tenement belonging to the Church of St. Thomas and occupied by Richard Loryman and extending backwards from the street to a tenement which Roger Barbor Whytawer held of the wardens of St. Nicholas Bristol FOURTHLY an orchard in a way called Horschurcheyard in the suburbs lying between an orchard belonging to Robert Kayleway and a close lately held of John Grene Grocer and extending from the said way to a Lane leading towards Erlemede.

HABENDUM Nicholas Wodhouse in fee simple

COVENANTS BY SELLER

(a) That he had good right to convey
(b) For further assurance
(c) Free from incumbrances
(d) For delivery of muniments of title
(e) For quiet enjoyment

SEALED by both parties

[1] Folio 278 (d) is blank.

Fo. 280 (*d*) *to* 282 (*a*) The deeds of which the following is a summary were enrolled as to the first at the same time and place as the previous deed and as to the second on the 9th April 1540.

(A) BARGAIN AND SALE

DATED 17th January 1540

PARTIES

(1) Frances Stadlyng
(2) Roger Coke burgess of Bristol

PRICE £40

PARCELS Two messuages or tenements in the suburbs of Bristol in a street called the Weir then occupied by Christopher Joacham and Thomas Joacham.

HABENDUM Grantee in fee simple.

COVENANTS BY GRANTOR

(*a*) For further assurance
(*b*) Free from incumbrances
(*c*) For delivery of muniments of title

(B) BARGAIN AND SALE

DATED 18th January 1540

PARTIES

(1) Frances Stradlyng
(2) Robert Sowthall of Bristol baker

PRICE £33

PARCELS A messuage called the " Raggyd Staff " in Broad Street and all cellars, shops and commodities belonging to the messuage lying between a tenement belonging to the late monastery of Bath in the County of Somerset on the South and the Bristol Guildhall on the North and extending backwards from the Street on the east to a tenement belonging to the said monastery on the west

HABENDUM Grantee in fee simple.

COVENANTS BY GRANTOR

(*a*) For further assurance
(*b*) Free from incumbrances
(*c*) For delivery of muniments of title

Fo. 282 (*a*) *to* 283 (*d*) The deed of which the following is a summary was enrolled on the 14th August 1540.

BARGAIN AND SALE

DATE 4th August 1540

PARTIES

(1) John Yonge of Bristol Gentleman son and heir of Hugh Yonge
(2) Robert Saxey of Bristol draper

PARCELS 3 messuages *one* lying in High Street Bristol between a tenement belonging to Martin Pollard on the south and a tenement belonging to Paul Taverner on the north and extending backwards from the street to a vacant plot known as the " Mele Markett " and occupied by Arthur Rycarde *another* lying in High Street " within the mesuage of the seid Paulle " between the tenement belonging to the said Paul on the west and the said vacant plot on the east and " abuttith hymself agaynst " Wynstrete before unto " the seyd tenement now in the holding of the " seyd Arthur " on the South and occupied by Arthur Egyn *and another* lying at the corner in Corn Street in front of the Church of " Seynt Warbroce " between a tenement belonging to Lorde Lysle on the East and Small Street on the west and extending from Corn Street backwards to a tenement belonging to the Church of St. Phillips and occupied by Thomas Seward.

HABENDUM Grantee in fee simple subject to existing tenancies

COVENANTS BY GRANTOR

(*a*) Good right to convey
(*b*) Further assurance
(*c*) Free from incumbrances
(*d*) Quiet enjoyment
(*e*) For delivery of muniments of title

PRICE £60

'o. 283 (*d*) The Deed of which the following is a summary was enrolled on
) 286 (*a*) the 14th March 1541

BARGAIN AND SALE

DATE 16th December 1538

PARTIES

(1) Sir Nicholas Poyntez of Acton in the County of Gloucester.
(2) John Compton of Bristol Butcher

PRICE £60

PARCELS Two tenements and four shops in " Wurshipfull Strete " Bristol (otherwise called the " Sambols ") lying between the tenement belonging to William Yonge in which William Cause then lived on the west and the lane leading from the " Sambols " to St. Mary-le-Porte Church on the east and extending backwards from the church on the north to the highway on the south.

HABENDUM grantee in fee simple.

COVENANTS BY GRANTOR

(*a*) Good right to convey
(*b*) Further assurance
(*c*) That the property sold was of the clear annual value of £5.
(*d*) Free from incumbrances
(*e*) Delivery of muniments of title

The deed of which the following is a Summary was enrolled on the 10th June 1541

BARGAIN AND SALE

DATE 8th February 1541

PARTIES

(1) William Savage of Bristol Cofferer
(2) George Snyge of Bristol Merchant

PARCELS Two tenements cellars and chambers in " Baldwynstrete " in the parish of St. Nicholas

HABENDUM Grantee in fee simple.

COVENANTS BY VENDOR

(*a*) Delivery of muniments of title
(*b*) Further assurance
(*c*) Free from incumbrances

PRICE £43 . 6 . 8d.

Fo. 286 (*a*) *to* 287 (*a*) The deed of which the following is a summary was enrolled on the 10th June 1543.

BARGAIN AND SALE

DATE 4th April 1543

PARTIES

(1) John Gaywud of Winterbourne in the County of Gloucester husbandman
(2) William Kelke of Bristol mercer

PRICE 40/-

PARCELS A tenement with two gardens behind situate upon " Redclyff " hill directly in front of the churchyard between a tenement lately belonging to master Nicholas Pittes late vicar of Redcliffe on the north and a house lately belonging to John Wattyn of Backwell Somerset on the South and extending backwards from the street to the garden belonging to the vicar of Redcliffe which tenement formerly belonged to Richard Stamfordis of " Weste Tokynham " the grantor's uncle.

HABENDUM Grantee in fee simple

COVENANTS BY GRANTOR

(*a*) Good right to convey
(*b*) Further assurance
(*c*) Free from incumbrances
(*d*) Delivery of muniments of title
(*e*) Quiet enjoyment

o. 288 (*a*) ORDINACIONES WILLELMI CANYNGES DE BRISTOLLIA MERCATORIS ⟨1⟩ FACTE ET STABILITE PRO PRESBITERIS ET CLERICIS SUIS FUNDATIS IN ⟨2⟩ ECCLESIA BEATE MARIE DE REDECLYFFE IMPERPETUUM DURATURIS ⟨3⟩ MODIS ET FORMIS PROUT IN SCRIPTIS SEQUITUR ⟨4⟩

Omnibus Christi fidelibus ad quorum aspectum vel Auditurum presens scriptum Cirographatum ⟨5⟩ pervenerit Ego Willelmus Canynges ville Bristollie mercator Reverencias recommen- ⟨6⟩ daciones et salutes cuilibet secundum sui status [*sic*] que condecenciam Notum facio per presentes ⟨7⟩ licet humana fragilitas sarcina peccaminum sepius opprimitur mediante tamen Prece ⟨8⟩ supplicancium misericordia altissimi indubio sublinatur Et quia prece diuturna plusquam brevi ⟨9⟩ apud deum creditur veniam optineri Ego dictus Willelmus Canynges de licencia domini nostri Regis ⟨10⟩ Edwardi Quarti per litteras suas Regias Patentes michi concessas Quandam Cantariam perpetuam ⟨11⟩ de uno Capellano Divina Singulis diebus ad altare Sancte Katerine in Ecclesia parochiali beate Marie ⟨12⟩ de Redeclyffe ville Bristollie juxta Ordinacionem meam in hac parte fiendam celebratura pro bono statu ⟨13⟩ dicti domini Regis et Elizabethe Regine Anglie Consortis Sue precarissime predilecte Filie Sue Principisse ⟨14⟩ Elizabethe Cecilie Ducisse Ebor' Matris sue precarissime Georgii Archiepiscopi Ebor' Anglie primatis ⟨15⟩ Consanguinei sui ac pro successu votivo mei dicti Willelmi Canynges et Johanne uxoris mee Thome ⟨16⟩ Yonge Servientis Domini Regis ad legem Fratris mei dum vixerimus Ac pro animabus eorundem Regis ⟨17⟩ Regine Principisse Ducisse et Archiepiscopi cum ab hac luce Migraverint Ac pro animabus mei dicti Willelmi et ⟨18⟩ Johanne uxoris mee ac dicti Thome Yonge cum dies nostros clauserimus extremos necnon pro ⟨19⟩ animabus Johannis Canynges et Johanne uxoris ejus Filie Johannis Wotton Parentum mei dicti Willelmi ⟨20⟩ immediatorum et pro animabus dict' Johannis Wotton Thome Yonge dudum mercatoris ville Bristollie ⟨21⟩ Patris dicti Thome Yonge servientis ad legem Ac omnium Antecessorum mei dicti Willelmi et heredum meorum ac ⟨22⟩ pro animabus Johannis Milton et Johanne uxoris ejus necnon pro animabus Omnium fidelium defunctorum Feci ⟨23⟩ fundari et Stabiliri ac Fundavi et Stabilivi Cantariam que illam fore vocitandam Cantariam Willelmi ⟨24⟩

[1] Cantaria ad altar Sancte Katerine

[1] This and subsequent marginal notes are in what appears to be a later hand.

Canynges mercatoris dicte ville Bristollie Decrevi et firmavi Petrum Lawles clericum in ⟨25⟩ Capellanum perpetuum Cantarie ejusdem Ipsumque Petrum prefeci investivi et institui prout per dictas ⟨26⟩ litteras Regias et unam Partem Certarum Scripturarum mearum tripartitarum indentatarum in Archivis dicte Ecclesie ⟨27⟩ Parochialis per me Repositis [*sic*] latius liquet et manifestatur Et insuper eidem Petro Lawles et successoribus ⟨28⟩ suis Capellanis Cantarie eiusdem Certos Redditus Exitus annuitates proficua et Revenciones [*sic*] per me ⟨29⟩ dictum Willelmum pro premissorum explecione assignat' Post debitam Inquisicionem inde Coram Willelmo ⟨30⟩ Spenser maiore et Escaetore dicti Domini Regis dicte ville Bristollie virtute Brevis eiusdem ⟨31⟩ Domini Regis vocati Ad quod dampnum super dictis litteris Patentibus eidem Escaetori directis Dedi et ⟨32⟩ Concessi prout per Cartam meam super inde confectam que in dictis Archivis per me residet evidencius ⟨33⟩ apparet Post que premissa Sic facta et executa Ego dictus Willelmus Canynges facio declaro et ⟨34⟩ statuo per presens Scriptum meum tripartitum indentatum Ordinacionem meam tam pro Precibus et ⟨35⟩ aliis Divinis Obsequiis per dictum Petrum Lawles Capellanum Cantarie predicte et successores suos ⟨36⟩ Capellanos eiusdem imposterum dicendis necnon pro distribucione exituum Reddituum annuitatum proficuorum ⟨37⟩ et Revercionum predict' in forma predicta Dat' et assignat' Dicto Petro Lawles et Successoribus suis ⟨38⟩

Fo. 288 (*b*) Capellanis Cantarie eiusdem sub modis forma et modificacionibus subsequentibus ⟨1⟩ In Primis Ego dictus Willelmus Canynges Ordino quod dictus Petrus Lawles ⟨2⟩ Capellanus Cantarie predicte et Successores sui Capellani Cantarie ejusdem in dies ⟨3⟩ singulis diebus temporibus futuris missam Celebrabunt ad altare supradictum nisi eis ⟨4⟩ subfuerit excusacio inde Rationabilis In qua missa per preces et Collectas speciales ⟨5⟩ exorabunt pro votivo successu mei dicti Willelmi et Johanne uxoris mee Ac dicti Thome Yonge ⟨6⟩ dum vixerimus et pro animabus nostris cum ab hac luce migraverimus et pro Bono Statu ⟨7⟩ Cristianissimi Principis Edwardi Quarti et Elizabethe Regine Anglie Consortis ⟨8⟩ sue et Omnium predictorum et[1] pro animabus dicti Regis Regine et omnium predictorum[1] cum dies Clauserint extremos et pro animabus predictis Ac omnium Fidelium ⟨9⟩ defunctorum. Iidem que

[1] above the line.

Petrus Lawles et successores sui Capellani Cantarie predicte singulis ⟨10⟩ Futuris temporibus diebus lune post meridiem et ante vesperarum decantacionem superpelliciis ⟨11⟩ Induti [*sic*] dicent distincte et aperte Exequias cum Psalmis et Commendaciones mortuorum secundum ⟨12⟩ usum Sarum in Ecclesia Parochiali predicta Coram Altare predicto et in Crastino eiusdem diei ⟨13⟩ lune missam de Requiem pro animabus supradictis nisi in ipsis diebus lune evenerit aliquod ⟨14⟩ Festum Festorum Nativitatis domini Seu beate Marie Virginis Sancti Stephani Prothomartiris [*sic*] ⟨15⟩ Johannis Evangeliste Sanctorum Innocencium Sancti Thome Martiris Circumcisionis et Epiphanie ⟨16⟩ Domini Nativitatis Sancti Johannis Baptiste Apostolorum Petri et Pauli Andree Jacobi Sancti Bartholomei ⟨17⟩ Seu dedicacionis dicte Ecclesie Parochialis In quo Casu Capellani Cantarie ejusdem pro tempore ⟨18⟩ existentes Dicent Specialem missam de Requiem ad idem altare pro predictis animabus proximo ⟨19⟩ Conveniente die Sequente Et simili modo dicent iidem Capellani Missam in honore ⟨20⟩ Beatissimi nominis Jesus quolibet die veneris Septimanatim nisi eventus alicujus Festorum ⟨21⟩ Supradictorum aut alia causa legittima excusatoria intervenerit Et quod predictus Petrus Lawles ⟨22⟩ Capellanus et Successores sui Capellani dicte Cantarie Indies Superpelliciis amicti personaliter ⟨23⟩ intersint attendentes Choro dicte Ecclesie Parochialis matutinas missam et vesperas decantand' ⟨24⟩ cum Ceteris ministris ejusdem Ecclesie Erunt etiam annuatim pro perpetuo Die lune proximo ⟨25⟩ post Festum Sancti Petri quod dicitur advincula in suis superpelliciis attendentes Celebracioni ⟨26⟩ Exequiarum pro animabus supradictiis et in Crastino sequente celebracioni misse de Requiem pro eisdem ⟨27⟩ animabus Coram dicto altare Sancte Katerine cum vicario dicte Ecclesie Parochialis si interesse ⟨28⟩ voluerit cum Quinque aliis Presbiteris et Tribus Clericis dicte Ecclesie pertinentibus nisi aliqua ⟨29⟩ materia justa excusatoria eos inde pro tempore exonerent Item Volo et Ordino quod ⟨30⟩ dictus Petrus Capellanus et Successores sui Capellani Cantarie predicte de dictis Redditibus ⟨31⟩ Exitibus Annuitatibus proficuis et Revercionibus de Primis denariis provenientibus annuatim solvant ⟨32⟩ vel solvi faciant Dicto die Anniversarii dicto vicario Celebranti dictam missam de Requiem ⟨33⟩ et Exequiis interessenti et decantanti Octo denarios et cuilibet Quinque Presbiterum Ecclesie ⟨34⟩ Parochialis predicte dict' Exequiis et misse interessenti et decantanti quatuor denarios et cuilibet ⟨35⟩ Trium Clericorum dicte Ecclesie Parochialis pertinenti supradict' Exequiis et misse interessenti et ⟨36⟩ Decantanti Duos

Petrus Lawles et successores sui singulis diebus lune dicent exequias et Commendaciones Coram Altare Sancte Katerine

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De distributione redditiuum et exituum etc

denarios Et custodi Pixidis beate Marie in Introitu Dicte Ecclesie Parochialis ⟨37⟩ pro suo labore in Adnitor' eorundem Exequiis et miss' duos denarios et pro luminar' dict' exequiis ⟨38⟩ et Misse
Fo. 289 (*a*) interessent' Duodecim Denarios Ac sexaginta Pauperibus infra eandem Parochiam ⟨1⟩ Commorantibus cuilibet eorum Duos Denarios Necnon Gardian' Fratrium minorum ville Bristollie ad ⟨2⟩ sustentacionem Conventus dicti Ordinis pro Obitu meo in Ecclesia dicti Conventus tenendo die ⟨3⟩ lune proximo post Festum Sancti Petri quod dicitur Advincula annuatim unum bonum quarterium ⟨4⟩ Bovis valoris quadraginta denariorum et quatuor quarteria boni Ovis precii Sexdecim denariorum ⟨5⟩ et pro pane et servisia eidem Conventui tres Solidos et quatuor denarios eciamque maiori ⟨6⟩ ville Bristollie pro tempore existenti Si ipse personaliter intersit dictis Exequiis Misse et ⟨7⟩ Anniversario et Offeret Denarium ad dictas missas de[1] Requiem[1] et Supervideat omnia premissa perimpleta Sex ⟨8⟩ solidos et octo denarios Vicecomiti que dicte ville pro tempore existenti dict' exequiis misse et ⟨9⟩ anniversario personaliter interessenti et denarium ad easdem missas offerenti Quadraginta denarios ⟨10⟩ Ac utrique Duorum Ballivorum ejusdem ville pro tempore existenti dict' Exequiis misse et Anniversario ⟨11⟩ personaliter interessenti Duodecim denarios et Communi Clerico ejusdem ville Necnon Gladii portatori ⟨12⟩ Maioris dicte ville dict' misse Exequiis et Anniversario interessentibus cuilibet eorem Octo denarios ⟨13⟩ Et Ballivo Itineranti vicecomitis dicte ville Bristollie pro tempore existenti dict' Exequiis ⟨14⟩ misse et Anniversario personaliter interessenti quatuor denarios Ac eciam cuilibet Quatuor ⟨15⟩ Servientium ad Clavas dicti Maioris pertinenti dict' Exequiis misse et Anniversario interessenti ⟨16⟩ personaliter quatuor denarios Et Tribus procuratoribus dicte Ecclesie Parochialis pro tempore existentibus ⟨17⟩ cuilibet eorum Sex Solidos et octo denarios sub Condicione sequenti Videlicet quod si dicti ⟨18⟩ procuratores vel Successores Sui Procuratores dicte Ecclesie Parochialis pro tempore existentes colligant ⟨19⟩ percipiant et ad manus dicti Petri Lawles Capellani et Success' suis [*sic*] Capellanis [*sic*] dicte Cantarie ⟨20⟩ Annuatim ad Quatuor Anni terminos usuales solvent et diliberent Summam Decem ⟨21⟩ librarum de dictis Redditibus annuitatibus proficuis et Revercionibus et Supervideant Reparaciones et alia necessaria ⟨22⟩ dictis Redditibus pertinent' quod tunc Dicti procuratores et quilibet eorem percipient dictum lucrum ⟨23⟩ Sex solidorum et octo denariorum Alioquin nichil de dictis viginti solidis percipient

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de procur atoribus e quod ipsi colligent redditus

[1] above the line.

ullo modo ⟨24⟩ PROVISO semper eciam quod dictis ministris seu Officiariis dicte ville Bristollie A ⟨25⟩ dictis Exequiis seu missa anniversarii absentibus nichil parcellarum predictarum quovismodo ⟨26⟩ persolvatur Eciam ordino et Statuo quod dictus Petrus Lawles Capellanus et succesores ⟨27⟩ sui Capellani Cantarie predicte quolibet anno futuris temporibus percipient et retineant ⟨28⟩ ad proprios eorum usus ad quatuor anni terminos usuales per equales porciones de Dictis ⟨29⟩ Redditibus Exitibus Annuitatibus proficiis et Revercionibus Annuatim provenientibus Sex libras tresdecim ⟨30⟩ solidos et quatuor denarios et ultra hoc pro Pane et vino ad celebrand' Duos Solidos et sex ⟨31⟩ denarios sterlingorum Ac pro suo [*sic*] Camera Sex solidos et octo denarios Annuatim per manus ⟨32⟩ dictorum procuratorum ut predicitur Et si contingat dictum Festum Sancti Petri quod dicitur Advincula ⟨33⟩ fore die lune quod extunc dicte Exequie teneantur eodem die lune et missam de Requiem ⟨34⟩ in Crastino et non aliter illo anno Et predictus Petrus Lawles Capellanus et ⟨35⟩ Successores sui Capellani Cantarie predicte Nullum Beneficium cum Cura animarum ⟨36⟩ seu sine Cura cum Dicta Cantaria Compatibile quovismodo optinebunt quamdiu Capellani ⟨37⟩ Cantarie predicte extiterint sub pena amittendi Capellaniam eiusdem Cantarie Item ⟨38⟩

Fo. 289 (*b*) Ordino Stabilio et decerno quod singulis futuris temporibus vacante dicta Cantaria per mortem ⟨1⟩ Privacionem Resignacionem Cessionem acceptacionem alterius Beneficii alicuius Capellani ⟨2⟩ dicte Cantarie pro tempore existentis seu alio modo quocumque volo et Ordino quod tunc Ego dictus ⟨3⟩ Willelmus Canynges dum vixero infra viginti dies proximos sequentes post huiusmodi vacacionem ⟨4⟩ nominabo et providebo Presbiterum ydoneum bonorum gestis Fame et conversacionis ac in musica bene ⟨5⟩ instructum in Capellanum dicte Cantarie proficiendum ipsumque infra eosdem dies maiori dicte ville ⟨6⟩ seu eius locumtenenti pro tempore existenti ex hac causa teneor presentare et presentabo quiquidem ⟨7⟩ maior vel ejus locumtenens super hujus modi presentacione [*sic*] eundem Presbiterum sibi presentatum ⟨8⟩ admittet et eum Capellanum Cantarie ejusdem protinus instituet et in Realem Possessionem ⟨9⟩ ejusdem Cantarie Reddituum exituum annuitatum proficuorum et Revercionum eidem pertinencium dilacione semota ⟨10⟩ libere induci faciet Tenendam et possidendam eadem [*sic*] Cantariam Redditus exitus Annuitates proficua et ⟨11⟩ Reverciones ad terminum vite eiusdem Capellani secundum formam huius mee Ordinacionis Et post ⟨12⟩ mortem

mei dicti Willelmi Canynges Johannes Canynges Filus meus et procuratores dicte Ecclesie ⟨13⟩ Parochialis pro tempore existentes vel idem Johannes et unus eorundem procuratorum infra viginti octo dies ⟨14⟩ proximos sequentes post vacacionem dicte Cantarie ex aliqua Causarum supradictarum nominabunt providebunt ⟨15⟩ et assignabunt virtuosum convenientem Sacerdotem in musica bene instructum in Capellanum dicte ⟨16⟩ Cantarie proficiendum ipsumque infra eosdem dies maiori dicte ville vel ejus locumtenenti pro tempore ⟨17⟩ existenti ex hac causa presentabunt quiquidem maior vel ejus locumtenens super huiusmodi presentacionem ⟨18⟩ eundem Sacerdotem sic presentatum admittet et eum Capellanum Cantarie ejusdem illico instituet ⟨19⟩ et in Realem possessionem ejusdem illico instituet ⟨19⟩ et in Realem possessionem eiusdem Cantarie Reddituum exituum annuitatum proficuorum et Revercionum supradict' ⟨20⟩ eidem spectantium confestim libere induci faciet Tenend' et possidend' eidem Capellano ad terminum ⟨21⟩ vite sue secundum modum et formam huius mee Ordinacionis Et post mortem dicti Johannis Canynges ⟨22⟩ heredes de Corpore dicti Johannis legittime procreati et procuratores dicte Ecclesie parochialis pro tempore existentes ⟨23⟩ vel iidem heredes et unus eorundem procuratorum infra viginti octo dies proximos sequentes post vacacionem ⟨24⟩ dicte Cantarie ex aliqua Causarum supradictarum nominabunt providebunt et assignabunt virtuosum ⟨25⟩ Convenientem Sacerdotem in musica bene instructum in Capellanum dicte Cantarie proficiendum ⟨26⟩ ipsumque infra eosdem dies maiori dicte ville vel eius locum tenenti pro tempore existenti ex hac ⟨27⟩ Causa presentabunt Quiquidem maior vel eius locumtenens super huius modi presentationem eundem ⟨28⟩ Sacerdotem sic presentatum admittet et eum Capellanum Cantarie eiusdem illico instituet et ⟨29⟩ in realem possessionem eiusdem Cantarie Reddituum exituum Annuitatum proficuorum et Revercionum ante-⟨30⟩-dict' eidem spectancium confestim libere induci faciet Tenend' et possidend' eidem Capellano ⟨31⟩ ad terminum vite sue secundum modum et formam presentis mee Ordinacionis Et si dictus Johannes obierit ⟨32⟩ sine heredibus de corpore suo legittime procreatis tunc Ego dictus Willelmus Canynges volo et ordino quod ⟨33⟩ Procuratores dicte Ecclesie Parochialis pro tempore existentes infra viginti Octo dies proximos sequentes ⟨34⟩ post vacacionem dicte Cantarie ex aliqua Causa Causarum supradictarum nominabunt providebunt et ⟨35⟩ assignabunt virtuosum convenientem Sacerdotem in musica bene instructum in Capellanum dicte ⟨36⟩ Cantarie proficiendum ipsumque infra eosdem dies maiori dicte

vide infra Inductione possessione Cantarie qu redditum exituum Annuitatun proficuorun Reverciona eidem Cant spectant' Quod procuratore dicte Eccle infra XXV.

ville vel ejus locumtenenti pro tempore ⟨37⟩ existenti ex hac causa presentabunt quiquidem maior vel eius locumtenens super huiusmodi presentacionem ⟨38⟩ eundem Sacerdotem sic presentatum admittet et eum Capellanum Cantarie eiusdem illico instituet ⟨39⟩ et in realem possessionem ejusdem Cantarie Reddituum exituum Annuitatum proficuorum et revercionum supradict' ⟨40⟩ eidem spectancium confestim libere induci faciet Tenend' et Possidend' eidem Capellano ⟨1⟩ ad terminum vite sue secundum modum et formam huius mee Ordinacionis Et si dicti ⟨2⟩ procuratores pro tempore existentes infra dictos viginti Octo dies non nominaverint vel ⟨3⟩ non presentaverint ex eorum communi assensu dicto maiori aliquem talem Presbiterum in ⟨4⟩ Capellanum dicte Cantarie admittendum quod tunc Maior dicte ville Bristollie vice et ⟨5⟩ tempore illis infra viginti Octo dies proximos sequentes post lapsum dictorum viginti octo dierum ⟨6⟩ per suam discrecionem nominabit providebit et assignabit Presbiterum Ydoneum dictorum ⟨7⟩ Fame gestis et conversacionis in musica bene instructum in Capellanum dicte Cantari ⟨8⟩ proficiendum ipsumque infra eosdem viginti Octo dies Capellanum eiusdem Cantarie protinus ⟨9⟩ instituet et in realem possessionem eiusdem Cantarie et ceterorum premissorum eidem pertinencium ⟨10⟩ libere induci faciet Tenend' et possidend' eidem Capellano ad terminum vite sue secundum ⟨11⟩ formam et Regulam presentis mee Ordinacionis salvis tamen et reservatis dictis ⟨12⟩ modis et formis nominandi et providendi et presentandi Capellanum ad Cantariam predictam prout ⟨13⟩ superius est expressatum in qualibet vacatione eiusdem Cantarie post lapsum dictorum ⟨14⟩ viginti octo dierum in eventu aliquorum Casuum supradictorum Item ordino et per presentes ⟨15⟩ declaro quod quilibet Capellanus Cantarie predicte in forma predicta institutus et in ⟨16⟩ eadem inductus in eodem die Inductionis sue personaliter comparebit Coram dicto ⟨17⟩ Maiore in Guyhalda dicte ville et tactis Sacrosanctis dei Evangeliis in verbo[1] Sacerdotii[1] Juramentum prestabit ⟨18⟩ Corporale quod ipsum quantum in se est omnia et singula juxta formam huius mee ⟨19⟩ Ordinacionis ex parte sua fienda et perimplenda bene et fideliter adimplebit Quilibet ⟨20⟩ eciam Presbiter ad eandem Cantariam debite admissus et in eadem institutus et inductus ⟨21⟩ die Inductionis sue Simile Juramentum prestabit Coram dicto Maiore premissa per hanc ⟨22⟩ ordinacionem sibi juncta perfecte in omnibus observare nisi causa rationabilis excusatoria de ⟨23⟩ huiusmodi observancia

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dies post vacacionem etc presentabunt maiori virtuosum Sacerdotem in musica bene instructum

Condicio quod si procuratores non presentaverunt quod tunc Maior instituet Ydoneum presbiterum infra XXVIII dies

Quod Capellanus Juramentum prestabit etc

[1] above the line.

eum juste posset alleviare Item Ordino quod singuli Capellani ⟨24⟩ dicte Cantarie pro tempore existentes suam Continuam Residenciam observabunt dictis Divinis Obsequiis personaliter ut premittitur intendentes absque diffugio alibi morando Seu ⟨25⟩ perhendinando extra dictam parochiam nisi per tempus Quatuor Septimanarum in Anno licentiam ⟨26⟩ habeant De Vicario et Procuratoribus dicte Ecclesie pro tempore existentibus ad alias partes infra ⟨27⟩ Regnum Anglie se divertere Item Ordino et Statuo quod si aliquis Capellanorum Cantarie ⟨28⟩ predicte decetero Criminosus perjurus seu Fame Ignominose ex merito Contra leges et ⟨29⟩ Canones Ordinis que Sacerdotalis honorem Repertus fuerit aut premissam Ordinacionem ⟨30⟩ infringens et post trinam monicionem in hac parte se minime corrigens et delicta convenienter ⟨31⟩ reformans et inde per probaciones evidentes seu Testes Fidedignos Coram dicto Maiore ⟨32⟩ vel eius locumtenente pro tempore existenti et juxta eius sanam discrecionem convictus quod tunc ⟨33⟩ Idem Capellanus A Cantaria predicta pro perpetuo privetur et alius ad eandem Cantariam ⟨34⟩ juxta formam presentis Ordinacionis provideatur et in eadem instituatur et inducatur prout ⟨35⟩ decet In cujus rei testimonium Ego dictus Willelmus Canynges huic presenti Scripto meo ⟨36⟩ tripartito Indentato Sigillum meum apposui Et quia sigillum meum quampluribus ⟨37⟩ Est incognitum Sigillum Officii Maioratus ville Bristollie presen-
Fo. 290 (*b*) tibus apponitur Dat' ⟨38⟩ Bristollia predicta Octavo die mensis Septembris Anno Regni Regis Edwardi ⟨1⟩ Quarti post Conquestum Septimo

Oseney

Quod Capellani continuam residentiam observabit ni pro tempore Quatuor Septimanaru Anno

quod si aliqui Capellanorun Criminosus perjurus seu fame Ignomi Contra leges Canones Ordi quod Sacerdo honorem etc post Trinam monicionem a Cantaria privetur

Fo. 291 (*a*) Hec Ordinacio tripartita facta inter Robertum Jakys Maiorem Ville Bristollie et Willelmum ⟨1⟩ Canynges Burgensem et mercatorem ejusdem ville ex parte una et magistrum Nicholaum ⟨2⟩ Pyttys vicarium perpetuum Ecclesie beate Marie de Redeclyff Bristollie Johannem Meke ⟨3⟩ Willelmum Gurdeler et Johannem Bonewey Gardianos ejusdem Ecclesie Ac maiorem et Seniorem ⟨4⟩ partem Omnium Parochianorum prefate Ecclesie ex parte altera testatur quod Ego predictus Willelmus Canynges ⟨5⟩ Oculo Pietatis motus Principaliter ob honorem omnipotentis dei et in laudem beatissime ⟨6⟩ Virginis Marie in remissionem Peccatorum meorum hec infrascripta ex bonis a deo michi concessis ⟨7⟩ Favente domino affectanter perficere intendo tam ut pie voluntatis [*sic*] meorum antecessorum Ac Devote ⟨8⟩ Ordinacionis [*sic*] specialium Benefactorum eiusdem Ecclesie liberius secundum ipsorum desideria

observentur tamen ⟨9⟩ ut imposterum Divina Officia devocius Ac Celebrius in eadem Ecclesia augmententur que modo ⟨10⟩ in parte dimminuuntur Aliter quam ex antiquo more solebant fieri propter debilitatem ac ruinositatem ⟨11⟩ Domorum ac Possessionum memorate Ecclesie ea de causa pia intencione ductus maxime ⟨12⟩ in Conservationem Divini honoris et in Observanciam antiqui moris prout ab aliis Bene-⟨13⟩-factoribus in ipsa Ecclesia laudabiliter erat inceptum quantum in me est non Pacietur ⟨14⟩ detrimentum Propterea dedi concessi et deliberavi die Confectionis presencium Prefatis ⟨15⟩ Vicario et Gardianis ac maiori et Seniori parti Omnium Parochianorum prefate Ecclesie ad usum ⟨16⟩ dicte Ecclesie Tricentas et quadraginta libras legalis monete Anglie[1] Sub tali Condicione quod ⟨17⟩ predicti Nicholaus Vicarius Johannes Meke Willelmus Gurdeler et Johannes Bonewey Gardiani ⟨18⟩ et successores ipsorum vicarii et Gardianorum pro Donacione et Concessione predict' Cum illis ⟨19⟩ Pecuniis Ruinosa Edificia et alia Tenementa quecumque Seu Domos ipsius Ecclesie sufficienter ⟨20⟩ reperarent seu reperari facient vel Reedificient et providebunt Invenient et exhibebunt De ⟨21⟩ Redditibus et Exitibus Terrarum et Tenementorum dicte Ecclesie Duos Capellanos Idoneos Seculares ⟨22⟩ in Servicio Beate Marie in eadem Ecclesia ab antiquo vocatos Seynt Marie[1] Preestys ⟨23⟩ interessentes matutinis missis et vesperis et aliis horis Canonicis Singulis Diebus Divina ⟨24⟩ celebratur Cum Neupmat horis Competentibus et consuetis Ita tamen quod unus ipsorum celebret ⟨25⟩ pro Salubri Statu Omnium fidelium viventium et alter devote celebret pro animabus Omnium ⟨26⟩ fidelium defunctorum prout antiquitus fieri solebat Ac eciam quod unusquisque ipsorum Capellanorum ⟨27⟩ Recipiet pro suo salario Annuatim Novem Marcas legalis monete Anglie per manus ⟨28⟩ Gardianorum dicte Ecclesie pro tempore existentium una cum Camera sua ad quatuor Anni ⟨29⟩ terminos eisdem Solvendas per equales portiones Necnon quod invenient Duos Clericos ⟨30⟩ Competenter instructos in Cantu et lectura ad deserviend' in divinis Officiis horis consuetis ⟨31⟩ in eadem Ecclesia et quod solvant aut solvi faciant unicuique ipsorum Clericorum Quatuor marcas ⟨32⟩ legalis monete Anglie ad quatuor anni terminos Solvendas eisdem per equales porciones ⟨33⟩ tantummodo pro mensa Ita quod non sit necesse eis querere indies victum a parochianis ⟨34⟩ Secundum quod solebant Et ultra hoc dicti procuratores solvant seu solvi faciant Cuilibet ⟨35⟩ dictorum Duorum Clericorum pro labore et

cccxl li dat' Ecclesie de Redcliff

de exhibicione Capellanorum vocatorum Seynt Mary Prestys viz utrique eorundum IX marc' cum camera

De clericis inveniendis unde uterque habebit pro mensa IIII marc' et pro officio Aquebaiulus XXVIS VIIId

[1] above the line.

Officio Aquebaiulatus[1] Parochianis exhibitis dicte Ecclesie ⟨36⟩ pertinentibus imperpetuum annuatim viginti sex solidos et octo denarios legalis monete Anglie ⟨37⟩ ad quatuor anni terminos Solvendos ut melius et vivacius Vacent et quilibet eorem vacet ⟨38⟩ Divinis serviciis ut predictum est ut si ita fuerit quod eorum Collecta pro Officio aquebaiulatus inter ⟨39⟩ Parochianos predictos non extendat se cuilibet dictorum duorum Clericorum quolibet
Fo. 291 (*b*) termino Anni ⟨1⟩ ad Summam Sex solidorum et octo Denariorum Ita tamen quod dicti Clerici in hoc nullo modo derogentur ⟨2⟩ in aliis proficuis et Stipendiis ab antiquo eis de jure consuetis Et quod dicti duo Clerici et ⟨3⟩ quilibet eorem reddant Seu reddere [*sic*] faciant Gardianis dicte Ecclesie pro tempore existentibus infra ⟨4⟩ quindecim dies proximos sequentes post aliquem anni terminum verum et integrum Compotum ⟨5⟩ de Singulis denariis per eos Collectis a quocumque vel quibuscumque Parochianis dicte Ecclesie ⟨6⟩ pertinentibus pro eorum labore dicto Officio Aquebaiulatus pertinenti ut deniceps per hoc deceptio ⟨7⟩ aliqua dicte Ecclesie non procuratur Et ultra hoc quod Gardiani dicte Ecclesie pro tempore ⟨8⟩ existentes solvant seu solvi faciant Cuilibet dictorum Duorum Clericorum pro tempore existentium annuatim ⟨9⟩ imperpetuum pro Togis suis de una liberata sex solidos et octo denarios Et ultra hoc ⟨10⟩ dicti Gardiani pro tempore existentes solvant seu solvi faciant annuatim imperpetuum ⟨11⟩ Tertio Clerico dicte Ecclesie qui vocatur Clericus Willelmi Canynges sex solidos et Octo ⟨12⟩ denarios pro Toga sua de eadem liberata qua dicti duo Clerici habent Ita tamen quod dicti ⟨13⟩ Tres Clerici intersint matutinis missis vesperis et ceteris horis Canonicis prout usitatum est ⟨14⟩ in ipsa Ecclesia et omnia alia eis de jure consueta nisi subsit causa legittima Quia verum ⟨15⟩ dignum et racioni Conformabile est ut omnibus Benefactoribus nostris SaltemEcclesie nostre Regulariter ⟨16⟩ tenemur benefacere ac ipsorum licita vota et honesta desideria pro posse observari multo magis astringimur ⟨17⟩ et structius [*sic*] obligamur Singulari Amico et Benefactori precipuo a quo non modica set Plurima ⟨18⟩ beneficia indies accepta sint et Cum inter cetera Beneficiorum genera adhuc benefacere non cessans ⟨19⟩ hoc iidem Carius et Acceptabilius nobis sit ob dei Amorem et nostrum Singulare commodum habundanter ⟨20⟩ perimplere intendit Ipse vero Caris Oculis nostram Indigenciam intuens manum suam adnitricem ⟨21⟩ nostris necessitatibus liberaliter apponens ut cum in hac Re non querit que sua sint set que sunt ⟨22⟩ *Jesus Christi* dignum igitur et justum est ut in suis

[1] i.e. Holy Water Clerk

desideriis ad omnia ipsius vota proniores simus ⟨23⟩ maxime cum in hac Re devotis Ordinacionibus aliorum Beneficiorum ipsius Ecclesie in nullo Derogare ⟨24⟩ velit se ipsorum opera et vota Caritative incepta per eum fieri Ornaciora et ampliora Nos Igitur ⟨25⟩ predicti Nicholaus Pittys vicarius perpetuus Johannes Meeke Willelmus Gurdeler et Johannes Bonewey ⟨26⟩ Gardiani eiusdem Ecclesie sua spontanea mera liberalitate letantes inducti unacum Consilio et ⟨27⟩ assensu maioris et Senioris partis Omnium Parochianorum prefate Ecclesie Volumus et Concedinus pro nobis et ⟨28⟩ Successoribus nostris per presentes quod providebimus inveniemus et exhibiemus Duos Capellanos prenominatos ⟨29⟩ Divina celebraturos in Servicio et Ecclesia predicta Singulis diebus prout Superius dictum est Similiter et ⟨30⟩ duos Clericos supradictos in eadem Ecclesia deservituros interessentes matutinis missis vesperis et aliis ⟨31⟩ Divinis Officiis modo et forma ut supradictum est Et persolvemus seu persolvi faciemus utrique ⟨32⟩ eorundem Capellanorum Singulis annis annuatim pro suo Stipendo Novem marcas legalis monete ⟨33⟩ Anglie Ad quatuor anni terminos in villa Bristollie Communes et usuales equis Porcionibus unacum ⟨34⟩ Sua Camera et Cuilibet Clerico dictorum duorum Clericorum Singulis annis pro mensa eorum Quatuor ⟨35⟩ marcas Sterlingorum ad quatuor anni terminos usuales equis porcionibus imperpetuum Acetiam persolvemus ⟨36⟩ seu persolvi faciemus pro Officio et labore Aquebaiulatus eisdem Clericis pro quolibet anni termino si eorem ⟨37⟩ Collecta ad tantum non se extendat Secundum quod supradictum est Sex solidos et octo denarios Item ⟨38⟩ persolvemus seu persolvi faciemus eisdem Clericis quolibet anno ad pannum
Fo. 292 (*a*) emend' et pro Togis suis ⟨39⟩ Secundum quod supraordinatum est Sex solidos et octo denarios Acetiam persolvemus seu persolvi ⟨1⟩ faciemus dicto Tercio Clerico vocato Clericus Willelmi Canynges Annuatim Sex Solidos et octo ⟨2⟩ denarios pro Toga sua emenda de eadem liberata qua [*sic*] alii dicti duo Clerici habebunt Et nos ⟨3⟩ predicti Nicholaus Vicarius Johannes Meeke Willelmus Gurdeler et Johannes Bonewey Gardiani ⟨4⟩ dicte Ecclesie unacum Consilio et assensu maioris et senioris partis Omnium Parochianorum ejusdem ⟨5⟩ Ecclesie pro nobis et successoribus nostris volumus et concedimus per presentes quod quotienscumque ⟨6⟩ et quandocumque nos aut successores nostri in provisione se [*sic*] in Invencione aut in exhibucione ⟨7⟩ Salarii dictorum Duorum Capellanorum et duorum Clericorum aut eorum alicuius aut in solucione ⟨8⟩ Stipendiorem eorundem Capellanorum et Clericorum post legittimam monicionem quadraginta ⟨9⟩ dierum defecerimus

Quod vicarius et Gardiani nisi cum assensu maioris et Senioris partis Omnium Parochianorum providebunt Invenient et exhibebunt duos Capellanos etc

aut aliquis nostrum defecerit contra formam predictam adtunc bene ⟨10⟩ licebit prefato Roberto Jakys maiori et successoribus suis maioribus ville predicte qui pro tempore ⟨11⟩ fuerint in omnibus terris et tenementis prefate Ecclesie in villa Bristollie et suburbiis ejusdem ville ⟨12⟩ intrare distringere et districtiones in eisdem invente licite capere fugare et asportare ac penes ⟨13⟩ se retinere quousque de omnibus predictis serviciis Capellanorum et Clericorum Predictorum et eorum cuilibet in ⟨14⟩ servicio predicto in Ecclesia predicta modo et forma predict' plenarie perficiantur et perimpleantur aceciam ⟨15⟩ quousque Centum solidi sterlingorum nomine pene prefat' Roberto Jakys maiori et successoribus ⟨16⟩ suis maioribus ville predicte qui pro tempore fuerint ad usum Communitatis eiusdem ville plenarie persolvantur In cujus rei testimonium uni parti huius Ordinacionis Tripartite penes prefat' ⟨18⟩ Nicholaum vicarium Johannem Meeke Willelmum Gurdeler et Johannem Bonewey Gardianos ⟨19⟩ Ecclesie predicte ac maiorem et Seniorem partem Omnium Parochianorum eiusdem Ecclesie remanenti ⟨20⟩ predictus Robertus Jakys maior Sigillum Officii sui maioratus dicte ville Bristollie et ⟨21⟩ prefatus Willelmus Canynges Sigillum suum apposuerunt-Alteri vero parti eiusdem Ordinacionis ⟨22⟩ tripartite penes eundem Robertum Maiorem et Successores suos maiores ville predicte qui ⟨23⟩ pro tempore fuerint remanenti Necnon et Tercie parti istius Ordinacionis tripartite penes dictum Willelmum ⟨24⟩ Canynges remanenti predicti Nicholaus vicarius Johannes Meeke Willelmus Gurdeler et Johannes ⟨25⟩ Bonewey Gardiani dicte Ecclesie Sigillum Commune eiusdem Ecclesie Ac sigilla ipsorum ⟨26⟩ vicarii et Gardianorum apposuerunt Hiis testibus Johanne Hoper tunc vicecomite ville Bristollie ⟨27⟩ Willelmo Wycam et Johanne Screvyn tunc ejusdem ville Ballivis Willelmo Spencer ⟨28⟩ Thoma Oseney Willelmo Wodyngton et aliis. Dat' vicesimo die Octobris anno ⟨29⟩ domini millesimo Quadringentesimo Sexagesimo Septimo Et Anno Regni Regis ⟨30⟩ Edwardi Quarti post Conquestum Septimo ⟨31⟩ Oseney

Nota de auctoritate maioris

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Fo. 292 (*b*) UNIVERSIS CHRISTI FIDELIBUS ad quos presens scriptum Indentatum pervenerit Willelmus Canynges ⟨1⟩ de Bristollia mercator Salutem in Domino Sempiternam Cum Teobaldus Gorge Miles ⟨2⟩ michi prefato Willelmo Canynges Invadiaverit sive inpignoraverit certa Jocalia Sua ⟨3⟩ Quousque michi solverit

Summam Centum et sexaginta librarum legalis monete ⟨4⟩ Anglie quas idem Teobaldus Gorge habuit et recepit de me prefato Willelmo Canynges ex mutuo ⟨5⟩ Solvend' michi executoribus et assignatis meis Videlicet in Festo Omnium Sanctorum quod erit in Anno ⟨6⟩ domini Millesimo quadringentesimo Sexagesimo Octavo quadraginta libras sterlingorum in Festo Omnium ⟨7⟩ Sanctorum extunc proximo sequenti quod erit in anno domini Millesimo quadringentesimo sexagesimo nono ⟨8⟩ quadraginta libras sterlingorum In festo omnium Sanctorum quod erit in Anno domini Millesimo quadringentesimo ⟨9⟩ Septuagesimo quadraginta libras sterlingorum Et in festo Omnium Sanctorum quod erit in anno Domini ⟨10⟩ Millesimo quadringentesimo Septuagesimo primo quadraginta libras sterlingorum Noveritis me ⟨11⟩ prefatum Willelmum Canynges ad honorem et laudem dei ac gloriosissime virginis Marie Matris ⟨12⟩ eius et Omnium Sanctorum in Augmentumque fidei Catholice Divini eciam Cultus et obsequii In ⟨13⟩ Ecclesia beate Marie de Redecliff Bristollie Devotius Administrandi perpetuis temporibus duraturis ⟨14⟩ Necnon ad sustentacionem et mauntencionem Operum Reddituum et Renovacionem omnium et omnimodorum ⟨15⟩ Jocalium bonorum et Catallorum ac Ornamentorum Ecclesie predicte Decentius ibidem continuand' ex intima ⟨16⟩ mei Cordis affectione ac pro Ampliori gracia obtinenda in hac presenti vita et pro salute anime mee ⟨17⟩ animarumque Parentum et benefactorum meorum dedisse et per presentes concessisse Johanni Meke Willelmo ⟨18⟩ Gurdeler et Johanni Bonewey Procuratoribus Ecclesie predicte et eorum Successoribus Procuratoribus ibidem pro ⟨19⟩ tempore existentibus ac maiori et seniori parti Omnium Parochianorum ibidem pro tempore degencium ⟨20⟩ predictam Summam Centum et Sexaginta librarum ad festa superius limitata solvendam ad usum ⟨21⟩ Ecclesie supradicte imperpetuum remansuram absque aliqua diminucione Calumpnia seu reclamacione inde per me vel Executores meos imposterum faciend' Noveritis me eciam Per ⟨23⟩ presentes Concessisse ac deliberasse prefatis Johanni Meke Willelmo Gurdeler at Johanni Bonewey Procu-⟨24⟩-ratoribus Ecclesie predicte et Successoribus suis Procuratoribus ibidem pro tempore existentibus ac ceteris prenominatis ⟨25⟩ Omnia et singula Jocalia supradicta ut premittitur Impignorata et Invadiata ac totum interesse ⟨26⟩ meum quod habeo in eisdem Habenda et possidenda libere et plenarie ac eisdem modo et forma quibus ⟨27⟩ Ego dictus Willelmus Canynges eadem Jocalia unquam liberius habui et possedi Insuper Ego ⟨28⟩ dictus Willelmus Canynges volo et concedo per presentes

quod nullus Executorum meorum Aliquam ⟨29⟩ Recepcionem Relaxacionem vel acquietanciam Summe predicte seu alicujus inde parcelle aut ⟨30⟩ quicquam aliud facient aut fieri vel perpetrari consencient per quod predicta Summa Centum ⟨31⟩ et Sexaginta Librarum vel Jocalia predicta aut aliqua inde parcella ad manus procuratorum predictorum in ⟨32⟩ forma predicta ad usum Ecclesie predicte Habend' et exequend' substrahi vel diminui quovismodo ⟨33⟩ poterint infuturum Set quod dicti Executores mei rationabile premunicione inde eisdem ⟨34⟩ ex parte procuratorum predictorum et aliorum prenominatorum habita tot talia et huismodi brevia et processus ⟨35⟩ necnon recepiones Relaxaciones et acquietancias pro Solucione recuperacione et execucione debiti ⟨36⟩ sive Summe predict' et cujuslibet inde parcelle quot qualia et Cuiusmodi quotiens et quando-⟨37⟩

Fo. (293 (*a*) -cumque Versus predictum Teobaldum Gorges vel Executores suos dictis procuratoribus melius ⟨1⟩ viderit expedire Custibus tamen et exspensis Executorum meorum omnino exceptis advocabunt et cum ⟨2⟩ effectu prosequentur ac fieri facient et deliberabunt ad usum Ecclesie predicte modo et forma prelibat' ⟨3⟩ disponend' Ulterius eciam volo et Concedo per presentes quod si predictus Teobaldus Gorge Executores ⟨4⟩ Sive assignati sui in dicto Festo Omnium Sanctorum proximo futuro post datum presencium solvant seu solvi ⟨5⟩ faciant [solvat[1] seu solvi faciat] supradictis Procuratoribus et eorum Successoribus ac ceteris prenominatis ⟨6⟩ quadraginta libras legalis monete Anglie quod tunc dicti procuratores et eorum successores ac ceteri ⟨7⟩ prenominati deliberabunt vel deliberari facient predicto Teobaldo Gorge executoribus sive assignatis suis ⟨8⟩ tot et tanta jocalia de Jocalibus predictis per me dictum Willelmum Canynges eis deliberatis quantum Summam quadraginta librarum ponderabunt sive attingunt et non ultra ullo modo Et sic deniceps ⟨10⟩ totiens quotiens ad supradictum Festum Omnium Sanctorum extunc proximum sequentem Annuatim quando ⟨11⟩ aliqua solucio quadraginta librarum ut parcella solucionis predictarum Centum et sexaginta librarum ⟨12⟩ eisdem procuratoribus et eorum successoribus ac ceteris prenominatis per predictum Teobaldum Gorge executores ⟨13⟩ sive assignatos suos sic fiat ut predictum est Et si predictus Teobaldus executores et assignati ⟨14⟩ sui aliquo anno ad supradictum Festum Omnium Sanctorum de aliqua solucione solucionum predictarum defecerit ⟨15⟩ seu defecerint quod tunc Ego predictus Willelmus Canynges

[1] The words in brackets are obviously repeated in error

volo per presentes et concedo quod predicti procu-⟨16⟩-ratores et eorum successores ac ceteri prenominati maior et seniores partes Parochianorum Ecclesie predicte ⟨17⟩ retineant et Custodiant Omnia Jocalia de jocalibus predictis Cum eis in Thesauraria eorum ⟨18⟩ vel alibi ad usum et proficuum dicte Ecclesie remansura quousque de annua solucione quadraginta ⟨19⟩ librarum ad Festum supradictum sic per predictum Teobaldum Gorges executores vel assignatos suos ⟨20⟩ aretro existenti eis certitudinaliter et plenarie fuerit satisfacta et persoluta Et eciam plenaria et ⟨21⟩ integra Summa predicta Centum et sexaginta librarum remanens insoluta eisdem Procuratoribus ⟨22⟩ et eorum successoribus fuerit satisfacta et persoluta Et ad omnes predict' concessiones convenciones et ⟨23⟩ voluntates meas modo et forma predict' per Executores meos post decessum meum ut premittitur ⟨24⟩ perimplendas et exequendas Obligo me et executores meos per presentes prefatis Johanni Meke Willelmo ⟨25⟩ Gurdeler et Johanni Bonewey Procuratoribus Ecclesie predicte in Ducentis libris legalis monete ⟨26⟩ Anglie solvendis eisdem aut eorum certo attornato ad usum supradicte Ecclesie modo et forma ⟨27⟩ predict' disponendis quamcito et quandocumque Executores mei seu eorum aliquis post decessum ⟨28⟩ meum quicquam Contra Concessionem Convencionem seu voluntatem predict' in aliquo ⟨29⟩ deniceps attemptent aut presumant In cuius rei testimonium presentibus Indenturis Ego ⟨30⟩ predictus Willelmus Canynges Sigillum meum apposui Et quia sigillum meum pluribus ⟨31⟩ est incognitum ambabus partibus harum Indenturarum sigillum Officii maioratus predicte ⟨32⟩ ville Bristollie apponi procuravi ⟨33⟩

fo. 294 (*a*) EDWARDUS DEI GRACIA REX ANGLIE ET FRANCIE ET DOMINUS HIBERNIE ⟨1⟩ Omnibus ad quos presentes littere pervenerint salutem Sciatis quod de gracia nostra specialiter ⟨2⟩ concessimus et licenciam dedimus dilecto et Fideli ligeo nostro Willelmo Canynges Mercatori ⟨3⟩ ville nostre Bristollie quod ipse quandam Cantariam de uno Capellano Divina ad altare Sancti ⟨4⟩ Georgii in Ecclesia beate Marie de Redcliff in Bristollia pro bono statu nostro et Elizabethe Regine Anglie ⟨5⟩ Consortis nostre precarissime ac predicti Willelmi dum Agimus in humanis ac pro animabus nostris cum ab hac luce ⟨6⟩ migraverimus et pro anima Johanne nuper uxoris dicti Willelmi necnon pro animabus omnium Fidelium defunctorum ⟨7⟩ juxta Ordinacionem predicti Willelmi singulis diebus imperpetuum celebratura construere facere erigere Fundare et ⟨8⟩ stabilire possit et faciat Et quod Cantaria illa cum

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sic constructa facta erecta fundata et stabilita fuerit ⟨9⟩ Cantaria Willelmi Canynges mercatoris ville Bristollie ad altare Sancti Georgii in dicta ecclesia beate ⟨10⟩ Marie de Redcliff pro perpetuo nuncupetur Et quod Capellanus Cantarie predicte et successores Sui ⟨11⟩ Capellani eiusdem Cantarie per nomen Capellani Cantarie Willelmi Canynges mercatoris ville Bristollie ⟨12⟩ ad altare Sancti Georgii in dicta Ecclesia imperpetuum sint Persone habiles et in lege Capaces ad perquirend' terras tenementa ⟨13⟩ redditus et alias possessiones quascumque Habend' et tenend' sibi et successoribus suis Capellanis illius ⟨14⟩ Cantarie in Feodo imperpetuum Et quod idem Capellanus et successores sui per nomen Capellani Cantarie ⟨15⟩ Willelmi Canynges mercatoris ville Bristollie ad altare Sancti Georgii in dicta Ecclesia placitare possint et implacitari ⟨16⟩ ac respondere et responderi ac prosequi defendere et defendi in omnibus et omnimodis actionibus causis sectis ⟨17⟩ querelis et demandis realibus mixtis seu personalibus pro ipsis aut contra ipsos in quibuscumque Curiis nostris ⟨18⟩ et heredum nostrorum aut aliorum quorumcumque motis et movendis imperpetuum Et De uberiori gracia nostra concessimus ⟨19⟩ et licenciam dedimus prefato Willelmo quod ipse terras tenementa Redditus et alias possessiones quascumque que de nobis ⟨20⟩ non tenentur in Capite ad valorem Decem librarum per annum huiusmodi Capellano Cantarie predicte cum ⟨21⟩ illa in forma predicta constructa facta erecta fundata et stabilita fuerit dare possit et concedere et huiusmodi Capellano ⟨22⟩ quod ipse huiusmodi terras tenementa redditus et alias possessiones ad valorem predictam a prefato Willelmo recipere ⟨23⟩ possit et habere ac tenere sibi et Successoribus suis Capellanis Cantarie predicte ad sustentacionem suam imperpetuum ⟨24⟩ Nolentes quod predictus Willelmus aut heredes sui seu predictus Capellanus aut successores sui seu eorum aliquis ⟨25⟩ per nos aut heredes seu successores nostros aut Officiarios seu ministros nostros aut heredum seu sucessorum ⟨26⟩ nostrorum quoscumque occasione premissorum impetantur molestentur perturbentur inquietentur[2] quomodolicet seu graventur statuto ⟨27⟩ de terris et tenementis ad manum mortuam non ponendis edito aut eo quod expressa mencio de aliquo valore premissorum ⟨28⟩ aut de aliis donis seu concessionibus per nos aut aliquem Progenitorum seu predecessorum nostrorum quondam ⟨29⟩ Regum Anglie in presentibus fact' non existit aut aliquo alio statuto actu vel ordinacione in contrarium fact' ⟨30⟩ vel Ordinat'

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[2] above the line.

in aliquo non obstanti Dumtamen per Inquisicionem inde capiendam[2] —" —" — ⟨31⟩ —" —" —" —" —" —" —" —" —"[1] et in Cancellariam nostram ⟨32⟩ rite retornandam compertum sit quod id fieri poterit absque dampno seu prejudicio nostro aut aliorum quorumcumque ⟨33⟩ In cuius rei testimonium has litteras nostras fieri fecimus patentes Teste me ipso apud Westmonasterium ⟨34⟩ tertiodecimo die Octobris Anno regni nostri Septimo ⟨35⟩ Pro viginti libris solutis Davyson

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Fo. 294 (*b*) Universis Christi Fidelibus presens scriptum Indentatum tripartitum visuris vel ⟨1⟩ audituris Willelmus Canynges mercator ville Bristollie Recommendaciones vel Salutes juxta intuencium merita seu Condiciones Cum ego dictus Willelmus per quamplures ⟨3⟩ annorum Curriculos Secularibus negociis multiformiter explicatus honesto cum labore ⟨4⟩ mercatorio Rem augere domesticam Industriose Curaverim Imminente michi tandem ⟨5⟩ debilitate Senili animadvertens immediales successus prosperos Orbisque Gloriam et splendorem ⟨6⟩ instabiles et Fictitios quasi in Ictu Oculi multociens evanescere summamque Felicitatem in rebus celestibus ⟨7⟩ Dei Complacencia in Sui Divini Cultus Augmento aliisque Operibus Caritativis ad animarum Fidelium ⟨8⟩ Medelam persistere concernans penes celsitudinem Christianissimi Excellentissimi Invictique Principis ⟨9⟩ Regis Edwardi Quarti Domini nostri Suppremi [*sic*] diligentes Instancias adhibens De licencia ⟨10⟩ Per me Fundand' Cantariam perpetuam litteras suas Patentes Regias ex sui [*sic*] gracie habundancia sub ⟨11⟩ eo qui Sequitur tenore verborum impetraverim Edwardus dei gracia Rex Anglie et Francie et ⟨12⟩ Dominus Hibernie Omnibus ad quos presentes littere pervenerint etc . . .

[repetition exactly of document on Folio 294*a*]

Fo. 295 (*a*) . . . . . Sciatis quod ego dictus Willelmus Canynges ⟨1⟩ pretextu et vigore earundem litterarum Patencium quandam Cantariam perpetuam de uno Capellano Divina ⟨5⟩ singulis diebus Celebraturo ad dictum altare Sancti Georgii pro bono Statu dictorum Regis et Regine ac pro successu ⟨6⟩ votivo mei dicti Willelmi Canynges necnon Thome Yonge Servientis Domini Regis ad legem fratris mei dum ⟨7⟩ vixerimus et pro animabus eorundem Regis et Regine Cum ab hac luce migraverint Ac pro animabus mei ⟨8⟩ dicti

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Willelmi et dicti Thome Yonge Cum dies nostros Clauserimus extremos necnon pro animabus Johanne ⟨9⟩ nuper uxoris mee Johannis Canynges et Johanne uxoris ejus Filie Johannis Wotton Parentum mei dicti ⟨10⟩ Willelmi Immediatorum et pro animabus dicti Johannis Wotton Thome Yonge dudum mercatoris ville Bristollie ⟨11⟩ Patris dicti Thome Yonge Servientis ad legem ac Omnium antecessorum mei dicti Willelmi et heredum ⟨12⟩ meorum Necnon pro animabus Omnium Fidelium defunctorum Juxta Ordinacionem mei dicti Willelmi in hac parte faciendam ⟨13⟩ Fundo Origo Creo et Stabilio Eamque Cantariam Willelmi Canynges mercatoris ville Bristollie ⟨14⟩ perpetuo nuncupari et appelari volo et eam sic in Facto nomino et Thomam Hawkestocke Clericum ⟨15⟩ Capellanum perpetuum Cantarie eiusdem per presentes preficio Ordino Investio et Instituo volens et decernens ⟨16⟩ quod idem Thomas Hawkestocke ut Capellanus Cantarie predicte habeat in eadem Cantaria jus et Suc ⟨17⟩ cessionem perpetuam ipsumque Thomam Hawkestocke et Successores suos Capellanos perpetuos Cantarie eiusdem ⟨18⟩ esse volo et Ordino ipsosque Capellanos Cantarie Willelmi Canynges mercatoris ville Bristollie pro perpetuo ⟨19⟩ nuncupari et appellari volo et eos sic in Facto nomino et voco Et per idem nomen eos esse Censio decerno et ⟨20⟩ Ordino Personas habiles ad perquirend' terras tenementa et alias possessiones quascumque eis et eorum in hac parte ⟨21⟩ successoribus imperpetuum ac in singulis Curiis et Placeis placitare et placitari prout juxta vim et effectum dictarum ⟨22⟩ litterarum Patencium in hac parte michi dicto Willelmo est concessum ipsumque Thomam Hawkestocke et successores ⟨23⟩ suos Capellanos Cantarie predicte volo et per presentes constituo in Capellania Cantarie eiusdem persistere et ⟨24⟩ durare Et si Casus vel eorum defectus exigerit ab eadem expelli et ammoveri necnon in omnibus Cantariam ⟨25⟩ illam tangentibus gubernari et tractari prout juxta Ordinacionem mei dicti Willelmi in hac parte faciendam Fore ⟨26⟩ videbitur Conveniens racionabile seu Oportunum. In cuius rei testimonium huic presenti Scripti meo tripartito ⟨27⟩ indentato Ego dictus Willelmus Canynges sigillum meum apposui Et quia sigillum meum quampluribus ⟨28⟩ est incognitum sigillum Officii maioratus ville Bristollie presentibus apponi procuravi Et nos Robertus ⟨29⟩ Jakys maior dicte ville Bristollie ad specialem Rogatum dicti Willelmi Canynges Sigillum officii ⟨30⟩ Maioratus dicte ville Bristollie presentibus apponi fecimus. Dat' duodecimo die mensis Marcii ⟨31⟩ Anno Regni dicti domini Regis Edwardi quarti post conquestum Octavo ⟨32⟩

Fo. 295 (*b*)

BREVE DE AD QUOD DAMPNUM

Edwardus dei gracia Rex Anglie et Francie et Dominus Hibernie dilecto sibi maiori ville Sue ⟨1⟩ Bristollie ac Escaetori suo in eadem villa Salutem Cum nos terciodecimo die Octobris ultimo ⟨2⟩ preterito per litteras nostras Patentes inter alia concesserimus et licenciam dederimus dilecto et Fideli ⟨3⟩ ligeo nostro Willelmo Canyngis mercatori ville nostre Bristollie quod ipse quandam Cantariam de uno ⟨4⟩ Capellano divina ad altare Sancti Georgii in Ecclesia beate Marie de Redclyff in Bristollia pro bono ⟨5⟩ Statu nostro et Elizabethe Regine Anglie Consortis nostre precarrisime ac predicti Willelmi dum agerimus in humanis ⟨6⟩ ac pro animabus nostris cum ab hac luce migraverimus et pro anima Johanne nuper uxoris dicti Willelmi necnon ⟨7⟩ pro animabus Omnium Fidelium defunctorum juxta Ordinacionem predicti Willelmi singulis diebus imperpetuum ⟨8⟩ celebratur' construere Facere erigere Fundare et stabilire posset et Faciet Et quod Cantaria illacum ⟨9⟩ sic Constructa Facta erecta et stabilita fuerit Cantaria Willelmi Canynges mercatoris ville Bristollie ⟨10⟩ ad altare Sancti Georgii in dicta Ecclesia beate marie de Redclyff pro perpetuo nuncuparetur Concesserimus ⟨11⟩ insuper et licenciam dederimus prefato Willelmo quod ipse terras tenementa Redditus et alias Possessiones ⟨12⟩ quascumque que de nobis non tenentur in Capite ad valorem Decem librarum per annum huiusmodi ⟨13⟩ Capellano Cantarie predicte cum illa in Forma predicta constructa Facta erecta Fundata et Stabilita ⟨14⟩ fuerit Dare posset et concedere et huiusmodi Capellano quod ipse huiusmodi terras tenementa Redditus et ⟨15⟩ alias possessiones ad valorem predictam a prefato Willelmo recipere posset et habere ac tenere sibi et successoribus ⟨16⟩ suis Capellanis Cantarie predicte ad sustentacionem suam imperpetuum prout in eisdem litteris plenius ⟨17⟩ continetur Jamque pro eo quod dictus Willelmus Canynges pretextu et vigore earundem litterarum nostrarum patentium ⟨18⟩ Cantariam predictam de uno Capellano Divina singulis diebus ad dictum altare ut predictus est celebraturo ⟨19⟩ Fundavit erexit Creavit et Stabilivit et Thomam Hawkestocke Clericum Capellanum perpetuum Cantarie ⟨20⟩ eiusdem prefecerit Ordinaverit Investiverit et Instituerit Ipsumque Thomam et Successores suos ⟨21⟩ Capellanos perpetuos Cantarie eiusdem videlicet Cantarie Willelmi Canyngis Mercatoris ville Bristollie ⟨22⟩ ad altare Sancti Georgii in dicta Ecclesia esse et nominare voluerit et Ordinaverit tibi precipimus quod per Sacramentum ⟨23⟩ proborum et legalium hominum de Balliva tua per

quos rei veritas melius scire poterit diligenter inquiras si ⟨24⟩ Sit ad dampnum vel preiudicium nostrum vel aliorum Si Concedamus prefato Willelmo Canyngis quod ipse quendam ⟨25⟩ annualem Redditum Decem librarum exiturum de Tresdecim mesuagiis et duobus Toftis ipsius ⟨26⟩ Willelmi in Bristollia dare possit et assignare prefato Thome Capellano Cantarie predicte divina ut premit-⟨27⟩-titur juxta Ordinacionem predicti Willelmi in ea parte faciendam imperpetuum celebraturo Habendis et Tenendis ⟨28⟩ eidem Capellano et successoribus suis Capellanis Cantarie predicte ad sustentacionem suam imperpetuum ⟨29⟩ Et si sit ad dampnum vel preiudicium nostrum aut aliorum tunc ad quod dampnum et quod preiudicium nostrum ⟨30⟩ et ad quod dampnum et quod preiudicium aliorum et quorum et qualiter et quo modo vel de quibus ⟨31⟩ predicta mesuagia et Tofta teneantur et per quod Servicium et qualiter et quo modo et qui et quot sunt ⟨32⟩ medii inter nos et prefatum Willelmum de messuagiis et Toftis predictis Et que terre et tenementa eidem Willelmo ⟨33⟩ ultra Donacionem et assignacionem predictas remaneant et ubi et de quo et de quibus teneantur et per ⟨34⟩ quod Servicium et qualiter et quo modo et quantum valeant per annum in omnibus exitibus et si terre ⟨35⟩ et tenementa eidem Willelmo remanentia ultra donacionem et assignacionem predictas sufficiant ad consue-⟨36⟩-tudines et servicia tam de predictis Redditibus quam de aliis terris et tenementis sibi retentis debit' faciend' ⟨37⟩ et ad Omnia alia Onera que sustinuit et sustinere consuevit ut Sectis visibus Franciplegiis auxiliis ⟨38⟩ Tallagiis vigiliis Finibus Redempcionibus amerciamentis contribucionibus et aliis quibuscumque Oneribus ⟨39⟩ emergentibus sustinend' Et quod idem Willelmus in assisis juratis et aliis Recognicionibus quibuscumque poni ⟨40⟩ possit prout ante donacionem et assignacionem predictas poni consuevit Ita quod Patria per donacionem et assignacionem ⟨41⟩ predictas in ipsius Willelmi defectu magis solito non oneretur seu gravetur Et Inquisicionem inde distincte et aperte ⟨42⟩ factam nobis in Cancellariam nostram sub sigillo tuo et sigillis eorum per quos factam fuerit sive dilacione mittas et hoc ⟨43⟩ breve Teste me ipso apud Westmonasterium Primo die Aprilis Anno Regni nostri Octavo

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Fo. 296 (*a*) Edwardus dei gracia Rex Anglie et Francie et Dominus Hibernie Omnibus ad quos presentes ⟨1⟩ littere pervenerint Salutem Sciatis quod cum nos terciodecimo die Octobris ultimo preterito de gracia nostra speciali inter ⟨2⟩ alia concesserimus et pro quodam Fine

nobis soluto in hanaperio Cancellarie nostre licenciam dederimus dilecto ⟨3⟩ et fideli ligeo nostro Willelmo Canyngis mercatori ville nostre Bristollie quod ipse quandam Cantariam De uno ⟨4⟩ Capellano Divina ad altare Sancti Georgii in Ecclesia beate Marie de Redcliff in Bristollia pro bono statu nostro Et ⟨5⟩ Elizabethe Regine Anglie Consortis nostre precarissime ac predicti Willelmi dum Agerimus in humanis Ac pro animabus nostris ⟨6⟩ cum ab hac luce migraverimus et pro anima Johanne nuper uxoris dicti Willelmi necnon pro animabus omnium Fidelium defunctorum ⟨7⟩ juxta Ordinacionem predicti Willelmi singulis diebus imperpetuum Celebraturo construere facere erigere Fundare et stabilire ⟨8⟩ posset et faciet Et ulterius de ulteriori gracia nostra concesserimus et licenciam dederimus prefato Willelmo quod ipse terras ⟨9⟩ Tenementa Redditus et alias possessiones quascumque que de nobis non tenentur in Capite ad valorem Decem Librarum ⟨10⟩ per annum huiusmodi Capellano Cantarie predicte cum illa in forma predicta constructa facta erecta fundata et stabilita fuerit ⟨11⟩ dare posset et concedere et huiusmodi Capellano quod ipse huiusmodi terras tenementa redditus et alias possessiones ad valorem ⟨12⟩ predictam a prefato Willelmo recipere posset et habere ac tenere sibi et successoribus suis Capellanis Cantarie predicte ad sustentacionem ⟨13⟩ suam imperpetuum Statuto de terris et tenementis ad manum mortuam non ponendis edito non obstante prout in litteris nostris ⟨14⟩ Patentibus inde confectis plenius continetur Nos volentes Concessionem predictam effectui debito mancipari De ⟨15⟩ gracia nostra speciali concessimus et licentiam dedimus pro nobis et heredibus nostris quantum in nobis est prefato Willelmo ⟨16⟩ Canyngis quod ipse quendam annualem Redditum decem Librarum exiturum de Tresdecim mesuagiis et duobus ⟨17⟩ Toftis cum pertinenciis ipsius Willelmi in Bristollia unde duo messuagia dictorum tresdecim mesuagiorum unde Redditus ⟨18⟩ predictus pervenire deberet situantur in dicta villa Bristollie in quodam vico vocato Templestrete inter tenementum nuper ⟨19⟩ Domine Lisle ex parte australi et tenementum Ecclesie Sancte Crucis Templi ex parte boriali Et duo alia messuagia dictorum ⟨20⟩ Tresdecim mesuagiorum pariter situantur in predicta villa Bristollie in quodam vico ibidem vocato Redeclif strete inter ⟨21⟩ tenementum Roberti Byde [*sic*] ex parte una et tenementum beate Marie de Redcliff ex parte altera Ac unum messuagium eorundem ⟨22⟩ Tresdecim mesuagiorum situatur in Redeclifstrete predicto inter tenementum Ecclesie Sancti Thome Bristollie ex parte una et ⟨23⟩ aliud Tenementum eiusdem Ecclesie ex parte

altera Necnon unum aliud mesuagium predictorum Tresdecim mesuagiorum situatum ⟨24⟩ in vico vocato Brodemede in dicta villa Bristollie inter Tenementum Willelmi Calewey ex parte una et Tenementum ⟨25⟩ Abbatis Sancti Augustini Bristollie ex parte altera Duo alia mesuagia predictorum Tresdecim mesuagiorum simul ⟨26⟩ situantur in predicto vico vocato Brodemede inter Tenementum Walteri Grymstede ex parte una et Tenementum Willelmi Coder ⟨27⟩ nuper Willelmi Joce ex parte altera Aceciam unum aliud mesuagium supradictorum Tresdecim mesuagiorum situatur super ⟨28⟩ Keyam ibidem inter tenementum Johannis Davy de Dursley ex parte una et tenementum Willelmi Pavy ex parte altera Et ⟨29⟩ quatuor mesuagia dictorum Tresdecim mesuagiorum situantur super Keyam predictam inter tenementum nuper Thome Rogers ⟨30⟩ ex parte una et Tenementum Willelmi Borne Armigeri ex parte altera Ac unum aliud mesuagium dictorum Tresdecim ⟨31⟩ mesuagiorum vocatum a masthous' situatum est super Keyam supradictam inter tenementum Elizabethe Sharp vidue ex parte ⟨32⟩ una et Tenementum predicti Willelmi Pavy ex parte altera Et unum aliud mesuagium supradictorum Tresdecim ⟨33⟩ mesuagiorum situatur in predicta villa in vico ibidem vocato le Market inter Tenementum Hugonis Mille ex parte una et ⟨34⟩ Tenementum Johannis Senangr' ex parte altera Et quod unum Toftum de Dictis duobus Toftis jacet in Mershestrete ⟨35⟩ inter Tenementum dicte Elizabethe Sharpe vidue ex parte una et Tenementum Johannis Dynte Plompemaker ex parte ⟨36⟩ alteia Aceciam unum aliud Toftum Eorundem Duorum Toftorum jacet in Mershestrete inter Tenementum ⟨37⟩ Johannis Shipward Marchaunt ex una parte et unam Communem venellam ducentem versus certa gardina ⟨38⟩ ibidem ex parte altera que quidem Tresdecim mesuagia et duo Tofta de nobis non tenentur in Capite ⟨39⟩ prout per quandam Inquisicionem Coram Roberto Jakes maiore ville Bristollie ac escaetore nostro eiusdem ⟨40⟩ ville de Mandato nostro Captam et in Cancellariam nostram retornatam plenius apparet dare possit et assignare ⟨41⟩ Thome Haukesoc [*sic*] Clerico Capellano Cantarie dicti Willelmi Canyngis in Bristollia ad altare Sancti Georgii in ⟨42⟩

Fo. 296 (*b*) Ecclesia beate Marie de Redcliff in Bristollia pro bono Statu nostro et Elizabethe Regine Anglie Consortis nostre ⟨1⟩ precarissime ac predicti Willelmi Canyngis dum agimus [*sic*] in humanis Necnon pro anima nostra et dicte Consortis et dicti ⟨2⟩ Willelmi Canyngis cum ab hac luce migraverimus et [pro] anima Johanne nuper uxoris dicti Willelmi necnon pro animabus ⟨3⟩ omnium

Fidelium defunctorum juxta ordinacionem predicti Willelmi in ea parte fiendam imperpetuum celebraturo Habendum et ⟨4⟩ tenendum dictum Redditum eidem Capellano et successoribus suis Capellanis Cantarie predicte in plenam ⟨5⟩ satisfactionem dictorum Decem librarum et eidem Capellano Redditum predictum a prefato Willelmo ⟨6⟩ Canyngis recipere possit et tenere sibi et Successoribus suis predictis in sustentacionem suam predictam imperpetuum ⟨7⟩ tenore presencium similiter licenciam dedimus specialem statuto predicto non obstante Nolentes quod predictus ⟨8⟩ Willelmus Canyngis aut heredes sui aut predictus Capellanus vel successores sui racione premissorum per nos ⟨9⟩ heredes seu successores nostros futuris temporibus impetantur inquietantur molestentur in aliquo seu ⟨10⟩ graventur Salvis tamen Capitalibus dominis feodi illius serviciis inde debitis et consuetis In cuius Rei ⟨11⟩ testimonium has litteras nostras fieri fecimus Patentes Teste meipso apud Westmonasterium quartodecimo ⟨12⟩ die Aprilis anno regni nostri Octavo ⟨13⟩

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Fo. 297 (*b*) HERE FOLLOWETH a Remembraunce Nevir to be put in oblyvion but to be hadde in ⟨1⟩ perpetuell memory of all the trewe Burgeises and lovers of the Towne of ⟨2⟩ Bristowe of the Innaturall demeanyng and the Inordinate behavyng of Thomas ⟨3⟩ Norton of Bristowe Gentleman against the noble famouse and trewe merchaunte ⟨4⟩ William Spencer beinge the thirde tyme Maire of the Towne of Bristowe ⟨5⟩ bifore saide that is to wete in the yere begynnyng at the feste of Sainte Mighell ⟨6⟩ the XVIIIth yere of the Reigne of our moost dradde Souveraigne lorde Kyng Ed-⟨7⟩ -ward the fourth gadered and compiled by John Twynyho then Recorder ⟨8⟩ Of the said Towne Whiche in the Same advysed counseilled and assisted the ⟨9⟩ saide Maire in his moost trewe and harty maner ⟨10⟩ Bristoll'

Where on Fryday the XIIth day of Marche the XIXth yere of the Reigne of oure ⟨11⟩ saide Souveraigne lorde the said William Spencer Maire and John Skrevyn ⟨12⟩ Shiref of the same towne were sittyng in the Countir there to here examyn ⟨13⟩ and determyne compleynts and other matiers dependyng bitwene the Kynge our ⟨14⟩ Souveraigne lordes subgiettes for the conservationn of his peas and the commen wele ⟨15⟩ of his lieges there as tyme that no mynde is It hath be accustumed The ⟨16⟩ Same Fryday at V of

the Clock afternone came unto them Thomas Norton of ⟨17⟩ Bristowe before said Gentleman Water holder and William Banner of the ⟨18⟩ same Towne yomen Desireng to speke with the said Maire in a more Secrete house ⟨19⟩ within the said Countre Where unto the said Maire aunswered that the Inner and ⟨20⟩ more secrete houses of the same counter were occupied by diverse of his brethern ⟨21⟩ beinge there in communycatioun of grete matiers concernyng the proffite and comen wele ⟨22⟩ of the saide Towne and desired him to sitte downe by them and to shewe unto them ⟨23⟩ the cause of his comyng And accordyng to the Maire is desire he sate downe ⟨24⟩ by the saide Maire and Shreef and saide secretly I must speke haynouse wordes ⟨25⟩ and therefore I wolde fayne be in a more secrete place But sith it may not be I ⟨26⟩ shall shewe it here And there with the said Thomas Norton stode up and ⟨27⟩ toke oute of a Boxe a writynge sealid and a Right glove thereto annexed And ⟨28⟩ shewed it unto the said Maire and Shreef and as Softely and Secretly as he coude devise ⟨39⟩ with right a base voice he Redde the Said wrytinge The tenoure whereof folowyth ⟨30⟩ in thise wordes ⟨31⟩ I Thomas Norton Esquier of the moost Honourable householde of the Kinge ⟨32⟩ oure souveraigne lorde appele the William Spencer Marchaunt of haute Treason ⟨33⟩ whiche thou has Imagyned compassed and wroughte against the dignitee and ⟨34⟩ Roiall majestee of oure Saide Souveraigne lorde suche as I shall declare before his moost ⟨35⟩ Reverent presence when it shall please his noble grace to commaunde me so to doo ⟨36⟩

Fo. 298 (*a*) Whiche appelle I pronounce and protest againe the to be made by me for noo Malice ⟨1⟩ Singuler matiers debate or cause dependinge betwixte me and the But oonly in defence ⟨2⟩ Resistence and subduyng of the Renued malice and traytrous dispositioun Surgyng ⟨3⟩ of thyne olde Rotyn hatefull and Traytrous hert that hath contynued in the agayne ⟨4⟩ thyne allegeaunce due unto oure saide naturell lorde by long space of tyme to the ⟨5⟩ extremytee of thy moost simple pouer And that will I make upon thi body good ⟨6⟩ And yef it ne shall please the Kinges excellent grace to suffre the to try with thyn ⟨7⟩ handes the trouth of this Appele for the exiguytee of thy wretchid personne then shall ⟨8⟩ I takyng the Auctor of trouthe for my defence in my trewe quarell make good that is ⟨9⟩ afforesaide upon the body of anny of thy comburgeises that will take upon hym ⟨10⟩ thi cause And the jouperdye thereof in the same And I shall none of them Refuse for ⟨11⟩ length or

brede or othir avantage corporall that will Receive thi fals and traytrous ⟨12⟩ quarell in that behalf And this to perfourme I cast to the my glove connexid to this ⟨13⟩ appele writen with myne hande And with the seale of myne Armes ensealed ⟨14⟩

And the Said Maire Understandyng theffecte of the Writinge saide unto him ⟨15⟩ Thomas Norton thow liest falsely of that thow hast writin and Radde of me for ⟨16⟩ I am the Kynges trewe liegeman and so shall I prove myself Whereunto the saide ⟨17⟩ Thomas Norton saide nothinge But Immediately delivered the said appele and ⟨18⟩ glove unto the saide Shreef and enjoyned and charged him in the Kinges behalf ⟨19⟩ with the persone of the said Maire upon the payne of XXIII marcs and departid ⟨20⟩

And on the morowe Saturday the XIIIth day of the said Moneth of Marche the ⟨21⟩ saide Maire made to be assemblid the saide Shreef John Twynyho Recorder And alle ⟨22⟩ other personnes beyng of the Commen Counseill of the same Towne in the Counseille House ⟨23⟩ there And shewed and declared unto them the saide appele made by the saide Thomas ⟨24⟩ Norton against hym with alle the circumstaunces bifore devised and desired and required ⟨25⟩ them of theire sadde and trewe advys and counceille in this behalf And they under ⟨26⟩ standyng the vertue and saddenesse of the saide Maire and the verray trouthe and ⟨27⟩ feith that he hath alwey borne to the Kyng oure Souveraigne lorde merveilled ⟨28⟩ moche of this case Resound long therein Diverse personnes toke divers oppynyons ⟨29⟩ and every of them in his truest and moost feithfull maner advised and counseilled him ⟨30⟩ And when the saide Maire had herde alle theire sadde and notable Reasounes trewe ⟨31⟩ faithfull and lovyng advertiseaments and counsailles he yave theym many herty ⟨32⟩ thankynges therfore And albe it that theire advise and counceille were righte ⟨33⟩ kynde discrete and polletique yet consideringe howe weightely this untrewe and ⟨34⟩ fals matier touchith him self and alle the body of the saide Towne he digressed ⟨35⟩ somwhate from theire saide Counceille And sithin he durst not presume to ⟨36⟩ approche to the Kynges
Fo. 298 (*b*) Highe presence for his declaracioun in this Behalf unto the ⟨1⟩ tyme he knewe therein the Kinges pleasure And beinge thus detected of haute treason ⟨2⟩ Wolde not presume to take upon him to occupie the Kinges place And be his lieutenaunt in ⟨3⟩ the saide towne Unto the tyme he had declared him self of all the said matiers ayenst ⟨4⟩ him bi the saide Thomas Norton falsly and

untruely allegged Therfore the saide ⟨5⟩ Maire by the avice of the said John Twynyho Recorder delivered the Swerde and the ⟨6⟩ gouvernaunce of the said Towne to the said Shreef and to the said Commen Counsaille ex-⟨7⟩-hortyng and in the Kynges behalf streytely charginge them to see that the Kinges ⟨8⟩ said towne be wele and surely kept and his subiettis there truely and laufully entreatid ⟨9⟩ and that his peace in all wise be fermely kepte And in exchewinge of the grete perilles ⟨10⟩ that by liklyhode mought by occasioun of the premisez ensue to the Body of the saide ⟨11⟩ Towne whome he tenderith above him self for the Indempnytee thereof and of him-⟨12⟩-self Righte obeisauntly as the Kinges trewe liege man and subiett Trustyng in his ⟨13⟩ oune trouth and in the Kinges Rightwisnes Praied and Required the saide Shreef ⟨14⟩ there opinly that he wolde take him into his warde gouvernance and kepinge and ⟨15⟩ convey him fromthens in the Kinges commen gaole of Bristowe and there saufely kepe ⟨16⟩ him unto the tyme that the saide Shreef had certefied the Kinges Highnesse of ⟨17⟩ alle the Premises and understande his pleasire in the same And over thies ⟨18⟩ moved and counsailled his saide Brethern that they wolde by thauctoryte of that hous ⟨19⟩ chose VIII discrete and prudent personnes to be Coadiutours unto the saide Shreef ⟨20⟩ and Recordoure for the sadde and polletique gouvernaunce of the saide Towne duringe ⟨21⟩ his absence ⟨22⟩

Whereuppon the saide Shireef and the Remenaunte of the saide Counsaille hiringe ⟨23⟩ the saide humble submyssioun made by the saide Maire debated disputed and agreed ⟨24⟩ the same and profoundely soughte and serched the grounde and Reason thereof and ⟨25⟩ after all arguments founde by their wisedomes that this same was the moost ⟨26⟩ sure and best directioun that hereuppon coude be take And with wepinge eyes and ⟨27⟩ sorowfull hertis in Righte Pituouse and hevy maner yave theire lamentable ⟨28⟩ assentes thereunto mornyng as sonnes seeng theire naturell fader in perill adventeur ⟨29⟩ and jeopardy and accordinge to his sadde advise by their commen auctoritee chose John ⟨30⟩ Hawkes Robert Straunge William Bridde John Bagot William Wodyngton ⟨31⟩ Edmond Westcot John Forster and Henry Vaughan to be coadiutors unto the saide Shireef ⟨32⟩ and Recorder duryng the absence of the saide Maire Whiche Shiref Recordoure ⟨33⟩ and coadiutors gouvernyd and Ruelid the said Towne the meanetyme Which ⟨34⟩ was X dayes As it shall appiere folouyngly so sadly and discretely that duryng ⟨35⟩ the said Seasonn the Kynges pece was

there surely kepte and none affray nor ⟨36⟩ attemptate there made to the contrary And aboute the houre of XI bifore none ⟨37⟩ the same Saturday The saide Shyreef Recordoure and all the Remen-
Fo. 299 (*a*) aunte of ⟨38⟩ the saide Commen Counsaille conveied the saide Maire from the saide Counceill house ⟨1⟩ thrugh the opyn market in to the saide gaole Into whiche the saide Shreef accordyng ⟨2⟩ unto his saide Request Received hym ⟨3⟩

And the saide Shreef Recordoure and coadiutorz the same Saturday at affter none ⟨4⟩ made to be called bifore them into the saide Counceill' hous alle the maistirs of the Crafftes ⟨5⟩ of the said Towne to whome theffecte of alle the premises was shewed bi the mowthe ⟨6⟩ of the saide Recordoure enjoynyng and straitely chargyng them as they wolde aunswere ⟨7⟩ unto the Kinge oure Souveraigne lorde at theire perell that they and alle theire Servauntes shulde ⟨8⟩ kepe fermely the kynges peace against the saide Thomas Norton and alle the kynges ⟨9⟩ subgiettes And that they withoute delay shulde yeeve like charge and commaundement ⟨10⟩ in the Kinges behalf unto alle theire companyes as they wolde aunswere unto the Kyng ⟨11⟩ oure Souveraigne lorde at theire perell ⟨12⟩.

And on Sonday the nextt morowe the XIIIIth Day of the saide Moneth of Marche ⟨13⟩ the foresaide John Skryven Shyreef deliverd the saide appelle and glove by endenture ⟨14⟩ to Thomas Asshe Yoman of the Kinges Chambre and Controller of the Porte of ⟨15⟩ Bristowe to deliver unto the Kinges Highnes with certayne Instructiouns in Wrytinge ⟨16⟩ under the seale of the saide Shireef to be mynystred in his behalf unto the Kinges good ⟨17⟩ grace Whiche Thomas Aisshe came to the Kinges moost noble presence at Eltham ⟨18⟩ besides London the Tewseday then next folouyng Where he deliverd unto the ⟨19⟩ Kinges good grace the said appele and glove and declared unto his highnesse the ⟨20⟩ content of his saide Instructiouns The tenoure of whiche Instructiouns ar these ⟨21⟩ folouyng ⟨22⟩

Instructiouns yevin the XIIIIth day of Marche the XIXth yere of the Reigne of our Moost ⟨23⟩ Dradde souveraigne lorde Kinge Edward the fourth by John Skrevyn Sheref of ⟨24⟩ the Towne of Bristowe unto Thomas Asshe yoman of the Kynges Chambre to ⟨25⟩ Ministre and shewe in the behalf of the saide shiref unto oure

saide Souveraigne lorde ⟨26⟩ and to the Righte Wise and discrete lordes of his honourable Counceylle ⟨27⟩

Furst that Thomas Norton of Bristowe Squier hathe Reteigned diverse Riottous ⟨28⟩ misgouverned and idell personns dwellyng in Bristowe foresaid some by yevinge of ⟨29⟩ lyvery some by Othe and promys not beyng his manyall servaunts nor owtwarde ⟨30⟩ Officers against the Kinges lawes and Statutes in that behalf Purveyde ⟨31⟩

Fo. 299 (*b*) And that dyvers of the said Riottous personnes so with him Reteigned that is to ⟨1⟩ wete Thomas Fawkyns wever John Reve Towker John Palmer Towker Robert ⟨2⟩ Smyth Towker and Richard Cornewall dyer on Sonday last past aboute midnyght ⟨3⟩ assaute bete and wounded one Nicholas Tyler Baillif of the Temple fee there for that ⟨4⟩ he then exercised his Office in conservatioun of the Kinges peace and leffte the saide ⟨5⟩ Bailly for Dede. Whereuppon William Spencer Maire of Bristowe beinge Justice and ⟨6⟩ keper of the Kinges peace there On Monday then next folowinge beinge enfourmed ⟨7⟩ of the said grete affray and Riot and that the saide Bailly was in jeopardie of his ⟨8⟩ lyff bi Reasoun of the saide betyng and like to dye put himself in such devoire ⟨9⟩ with alle diligence that he made to be take the said Thomas Fawkyns John Reve ⟨10⟩ and John Palmer and committed them to the Kinges gaole There in the same to Remayne ⟨11⟩ unto the tyme that they shulde therehens be lawfully delivered But the foresaide ⟨12⟩ Robert Smyth and Richard Cornewall fledde and stale away ⟨13⟩

And that the saide Thomas Norton the same Monday after the commyttinge ⟨14⟩ of the said personnes to warde came to the saide maire and to John Twynyho Recorder ⟨15⟩ of the said Towne and yave to the same Maire a grete laude and preise for his ⟨16⟩ dewe exerciseng of his said office and correctioun of the saide Offendours renounsinge them ⟨17⟩ to be his servaunts Nevertheles takinge upon him that they and other had made him ⟨18⟩ promise to be redy at his commaundement and proffered himself to be Redy as enny ⟨19⟩ Burgeis of the saide Towne to assiste the saide maire in Repressinge of alle wilde-⟨20⟩-nesse and Riot And praied him the said matier herd and examyned to shewe his ⟨21⟩ lawful favoure to the said offendours and in alle wise demeanyd himself ⟨22⟩ anenst the said maire as Reverently kindely and lovyngly as to

enny person of ⟨23⟩ his degree apperteigneth withoute gruggyng or quarellinge ⟨24⟩

Whiche Prisoners Abindinge in the said warde In the Kinges Sessioun of ⟨25⟩ hls peace holden at Bristowe beforesaide on Fryday then next folowinge among ⟨26⟩ othirs were enquired of and endited upon the saide matiers and albe it that ⟨27⟩ the saide Thomas Norton the saide Monday commened with the saide Maire ⟨28⟩ kindely lovyngly and charitably as is before showed yet nevertheles the saide ⟨29⟩ Thomas the same Friday about V after none bringinge with him Watkyn ⟨29⟩ Holder and William Bannar came to the saide Maire and Shreef beinge ⟨30⟩ then at the Countre there for the executioun of theire Officez and there appelid ⟨31⟩ the said William Spencer Maire of haute treason compassed and wroughte ⟨32⟩ against the kinges Majestee Roiall and deliverd unto the saide Shreef the ⟨33⟩ same appele wretin with his oune hande and sealid with the seale of his armes ⟨34⟩ and his glove thereto annexid Charginge the saide Shreef with the persone of ⟨35⟩ the saide Maire Whiche writynge so sealed and the said glove the saide Shiref ⟨36⟩ hath deliverd by Endenture to the saide Thomas Asshe to deliver
Fo. 300 (*a*) to the ⟨1⟩ Kinge oure Souveraigne Lorde ⟨2⟩

And that the Saturday the next morowe folouyng the saide Maire asembled ⟨3⟩ the common Counsaille of the said towne and declared unto them the said matier ⟨4⟩ Seieng for asmoche as he was in maner and fourme beforesaide falsely and untruely ⟨5⟩ detected accused and appealid bi the saide Thomas Norton of haute treason surmitted ⟨6⟩ to concerne the kinges magestee Roiall that for the declaracioun of his oune trouth ⟨7⟩ and ligeaunce and for thendempnitee of the body of the saide Towne and for to kepe ⟨8⟩ and save them and him self fro the Kinges displeasure and indignacioun not ⟨9⟩ doubtinge but assuredly trustinge upon the Kinges Rightwisnes he wolde yelde ⟨10⟩ and yeolded himself prisoner to the saide Shreef and Required the same Shryf ⟨11⟩ to convey him to the kinges Commen Gaole in the saide towne there to be kepte unto ⟨12⟩ the tyme that the Kinges pleasure in this behalf were knowen upon whiche ⟨13⟩ yoldyng and Request the saide Shiref conveied him to the saide gaole wherein ⟨14⟩ he Remayneth ⟨15⟩

And the Premises Shewed and declared unto the Kinges good grace That ⟨16⟩ the saide Thomas Asshe do in the behalf of the saide Shreef sewe in the moost ⟨17⟩ humble wise to the Kinges

highnesse to knowe his ferther pleasire in the same ⟨18⟩ Wretin at Bristowe foresaide sealid and signed with the seale and signe manuell ⟨19⟩ of me the said Shyreef the XIIIIth Day of Marche the XIXth yere above wretin ⟨20⟩

And the Tenoure of the saide endenture made bitwene the said Shyreef and Thomas ⟨21⟩ Asshe of the Resceite of the saide appele and glove is suche ⟨22⟩

This Indenture made the XIIII daie of Marche the XIXth yere of the Reige of oure ⟨23⟩ Souveraigne lorde Kinge Edwarde the IIIIth bitwene John Skryven Shyref of ⟨24⟩ Bristowe on the one partie And Thomas Asshe yoman of the Kinges Chambre ⟨25⟩ and Controllour of the Porte of Bristowe on the other partie Witnessith that ⟨26⟩ the saide Shireef hath deliverid the Day and yere above-writen to the said Thomas ⟨27⟩ to deliver unto oure mooste dradde Souveraigne lorde an appele made bi Thomas ⟨28⟩ Norton Squier against William Spencer marchaunt with a glove of the saide ⟨29⟩ Thomas The tenoure of whiche appele ensueth in these wordes. I. Thomas ⟨30⟩ Norton etc In witnesse wherof to thise endenturez the saide parties have enter-⟨31⟩-chaungeably put theire sealis The daie and yere abovewretin ⟨32⟩

And on the nexst morowe Monday the XVth Daie of the saide Moneth of March ⟨33⟩ the foresaide John Skryven Shyreef John Druez and Richard Bonde ⟨34⟩ Baillyfes and theire Bretheren
Fo. 300 (*b*) beinge of the Commen Counsaille of the saide ⟨1⟩ Towne sent unto the Kinge oure moost Dradde Souveraigne lorde John Druez ⟨2⟩ Thomas Hexton and Richard Shermon theire Comburgeisez with certein Instructi-⟨3⟩-ouns Concernyng the Premises sealid undre the Commen seale of the saide Towne to ⟨4⟩ be Ministred and shewed in theire behalf unto oure said Souveraigne lorde And ⟨5⟩ to the Right Wise and discrete lordes of his honourable Counceille Which ⟨6⟩ John Druez Thomas Hexton and Richard Shermon came to the Kinges Roiall ⟨7⟩ Presence at his Manoire of Shene on [1] then next folowing And ⟨8⟩ then and there Ministred and shewed unto his good grace the mater of the ⟨9⟩ Instructiouns to them commytted The tenoure of Whiche ensueth in thise Wordes ⟨10⟩

Instructiouns yoven the XVth Daie of Marche the yere of the

[1] blank space in the text.

Reigne of our naturell ⟨11⟩ and moost Dradde Souveraigne Lorde King Edwarde the fourthe by John Skry-⟨12⟩-ven Shreef of the Towne of Bristowe John Druez and Richard Bonde Baillifs ⟨13⟩ and theire bretheren beinge of the Commen Counsaille of the saide Towne unto John ⟨14⟩ Druez Thomas Hexton and Richard Shermon to mynestre and shewe in the ⟨15⟩ behalf of the said Shyref and Counceile unto oure saide souveraigne lorde and ⟨16⟩ to the Right Wise and discrete lordes of his honourable Counceille ⟨17⟩

Furst That Thomas Norton of Bristowe Esquier hath Reteigned a grete ⟨18⟩ noumbre of Diverse Riottous idell and misgouvernid persounes dwellinge in Bristowe ⟨19⟩ foresaide some bi yevinge of livery some by othe and promys not beinge his Coun-⟨20⟩-celars manyall servants nor outwarde Officers agenst the Kinges lawes and his ⟨21⟩ Statutes in that behalf purveide ⟨22⟩

And also that diverse of the saide Riottous persounes so with him Reteigned that ⟨23⟩ is to wete Thomas Fawkins John Reve John Palmer Robert Smyth and Richard ⟨24⟩ Cornwalle on Sonday the VIIth day of this present moneth aboute midnyght ⟨25⟩ assawtid and wounded on [*sic*] Nicholas Tylar Baillif of the temple fee there ⟨26⟩ for that he then exercised his office in conservacioun of the Kinges peace and ⟨27⟩ lefte the saide Bailly for dede

And that William Spencer Maire of Bristowe beinge Justice and keper of ⟨28⟩ the kinges peace there on Monday the next morowe after the saide VII day ⟨29⟩ being enfourmed of the saide grete affrey and Riot and that the saide Baillyf ⟨30⟩ was in joupardy of his lyfe by Reason of the saide betyng and like to Dye withoute ⟨31⟩ delay put himself in suche effectuall devoire that he made to be takyn the ⟨32⟩

o. 301 (*a*) Saide Thomas Fawkins and John Reve John Palmer and comytted them to the ⟨1⟩ Kinges gaole there in the same to Remayne until suche tyme they shulde from ⟨2⟩ thens be lawfully delivered But the saide Robert Smythe and Richard ⟨3⟩ Cornewalle fledde and stale away ⟨4⟩

And that the said Thomas Norton the same Monday after the commyttinge ⟨5⟩ of the saide parsounes to warde came to the saide Maire and to John Twynyho Recordour ⟨6⟩ of the said Towne and yave to the same Maire a grete laude and preise for his due ⟨7⟩

excerciseng of his office and correctioun of the saide Offendours renounsing them to be ⟨8⟩ his servauntes Neverthelees taking upon hym that they and other had made him ⟨9⟩ promys to be redy at his Commaundement And the saide Thomas profferid him ⟨10⟩ self to be Redy as enny Burgeis of the saide Towne to assiste the said Maire ⟨11⟩ in Repressinge of all wildenesse and Riot Seieng thise wordes Maistir ⟨12⟩ Maire ye deserve goddis thankis and the Kinges for the conservacioun of his peace ⟨13⟩ and executinge of his lawes for I perceive wel the frute thereof in myne oune parte ⟨14⟩ In so moche that when I come fro the taverne aboute Midnighte me nedith not ⟨15⟩ to have anny swerd staf or other wepyn for enny distourbaunce of the peace ⟨16⟩ that I do finde And praied the saide Maire that the saide matier herd and ex-⟨17⟩ amyned he wolde shewe his lawfull favour to the said Offendours And in ⟨18⟩ all wise demeaned him self anenst the said Maire in the said communicatioun ⟨19⟩ as Reverently kindely and lovyngly as to enny persoune of his degree appur-⟨20⟩-teyneth withoute shewinge of enny grugge or quarell as oure saide Recor-⟨21⟩-doure opinly to fore us hath deposid ⟨22⟩

Whiche Prisoners abidinge in the saide Warde In the kinges Sessioun ⟨23⟩ of his peace holdin at Bristowe biforesaide on Friday then next folowinge ⟨24⟩ amongst other were indited of the saide matiers and albeit that the saide ⟨25⟩ Thomas Norton the said Monday commenyd kindely lovyngly and charitably ⟨26⟩ with the saide Maire as is beforesaid And also that the same Thomas Norton ⟨27⟩ a lytill before the begynnyng of this lent stondinge in the Highestrete of ⟨28⟩ Bristowe At the dore of a discrete sadde and welgouvernid person called Thomas ⟨29⟩ Spicer a Burgeise of the said Toune saide opinly unto him and others these ⟨30⟩ wordes Lo Sires yonder comith my maistir the Maire surely he is a wor-⟨31⟩ -shipfull Man And sith Canynges tyme there was never no suche Maire ⟨32⟩ in this Toune And certeinly he is able to gouverne the best Citee that the ⟨33⟩ Kinge hath as the said Thomas Spicer solempnely hath deposid afore us ⟨34⟩ upon the holy Evangeliste And also we knowe well and verrily understande ⟨35⟩ that the said Thomas Norton diverse tymes sith the said Maire entrid ⟨36⟩
Fo. 301 (*b*) in his Mairaltee That is to wite sith the feste of Michelmas last passid ⟨1⟩ hath shewid unto the saide Maire for himself and others And also hath setyn with ⟨2⟩ him and with others of his Brethern at the Countre in frendely maner And ⟨3⟩ dyvers [times] sith Mighelmas bifore saide at Request of the saide Maire hath dyned

with ⟨4⟩ hym in the company of Diverse of the Kinges servaunts and other worshipfull persounes ⟨5⟩ whiche amicable demeanyngs notwithstondyng The saide Thomas Norton percei-⟨6⟩-vinge that the saide persounes so with him unlawfully Reteignid were endited and ⟨7⟩ like to be punysshed so that his Band thereby shulde be broken and his strength and ⟨8⟩ mighte amenused[1] Maliciously movid thereby onely withoute anny other trewe ⟨9⟩ cause or mateer as ferre as we do knowe or understande The same Thomas the ⟨10⟩ saide Fryday at V after none brynginge with him Watkyn Holder and William ⟨11⟩ Banner came to the saide Maire and Shyreef beinge then at the Countre there for ⟨12⟩ thexecution of theire Offices And there appellid the said William Spencer off ⟨13⟩ hault Treason compassid and wroughte ayenst the Kinges Magestee Roiall and delivered ⟨14⟩ unto the said Shyref an appele thereof wretin with his oune hande And Sealid ⟨15⟩ With the seale of his armes and his glove thereto annexed charginge the saide Shiref ⟨16⟩ with the person of the saide William Spencer upon payne of grete Sommes ⟨17⟩

And that the Saturday the next morowe then folowinge the saide Maire assembled ⟨18⟩ the Comen Counsaille of the saide Toune and declared unto them the said matier seieng ⟨19⟩ for as moche as he was in maner and fourme beforesaide falsly and untruely detectid accu-⟨20⟩-sed and appellid by the saide Thomas Norton of haute treason surmytted to be ⟨21⟩ wrought against the Kinges Magestee Roiall that albe it he shewith in his saide ⟨22⟩ appele no specialtee of the saide Treason that yet sith it sowneth to so grete a ⟨23⟩ weight that for the declaracioun of his oune trouthe and ligeaunce and for the ⟨24⟩ Indempnite of the saide Shreef and of the body of the saide Toune And for to kepe ⟨25⟩ and save them and him self fro the Kinges displeasure and indignacioun not doubtinge ⟨26⟩ But assuredly Trustinge upon the Kinges Rightwisnes he wolde offre and offrid ⟨27⟩ him self Prisoner to the said Shreef and Required the same Shireef to convey ⟨28⟩ him to the Kinges Comen gaole in the saide Toune there to be kept unto the tyme ⟨29⟩ that the Kinges pleasure in this behalf were knowen upon the whiche request ⟨30⟩ the saide Shyref conveied him to the saide Wherein he Remayneth ⟨31⟩

And for as moche as it is meritoriouse to wyttenes[2] trouth that

[1] i.e. diminished
[2] above the line.

Therefore it be shewed Unto ⟨32⟩ the Kynges good grace in the behalf of the said Shyref and Counceille that the ⟨33⟩ saide William Spencer is of thage of LXIII yeris and hath be thryes Maire of ⟨34⟩ the saide Toune in the tyme of the noble Reigne of our Souveraigne lorde the Kyng that ⟨35⟩ now is whiche for the same tymes saddely discretely and prudently hath ⟨36⟩ gouverned guided and kept the
Fo. 302 (*a*) same Toune under the Kinges obeisaunce fermly ⟨1⟩ kepinge the Kinges peace lawfully entreatinge the Kinges subiettis withoute ha-⟨2⟩-ving affectioun or anny other consideracioun to the personages like a verry Minister ⟨3⟩ of the Kinges lawes and in everythinge with al diligence tenderinge and preferringe ⟨4⟩ the Commen wele in so moche that this present yere ner had be his provisioun laboure ⟨5⟩ and cost a Busshell whete by liklihode wolde have been VIII pens derrer within ⟨6⟩ the saide Toune than it is And also hath been a good and a worshipfull viaundre[1] ⟨7⟩ beinge desirous and gladde to Receive and cherisshe the Kinges servauntes the quenes ⟨8⟩ my lorde Princes and all other noble and Worshipfull persounes resoretinge to the ⟨9⟩ saide Toune And over and beside these the said William Spencer hath doon ⟨10⟩ many charitable and acceptable dedis to Almighti God within the saide toune and ⟨11⟩ Countreys thereto adjoynaunte as in newe makinge of the Quere and body of ⟨12⟩ the Church of the Grey Freris in Bristowe Repaireng of al the Remenaunte of ⟨13⟩ the howsinge and Bildings of the saide Frerys aswell as the tenements and houses of ⟨14⟩ diverse Chaunterys there The devyn service of whiche for no Reperacioun of the same ⟨15⟩ was seassid And nowe by his grete costes charges and good disposicioun Renovelid and ⟨16⟩ Revived Bildyng of an Almeshows and findinge of diverse pore folkes therein to pray ⟨17⟩ for the welefare of oure Souveraigne lorde the Kyng Our Souveraigne lady the quene ⟨18⟩ and all theire noble issue and for the helthe of his oune sowle In yeovinge of large ⟨19⟩ almes wekely by many yeris contynued to the Prisoners Bederede and other Indigent ⟨20⟩ persounes there As in money mete drynk blankettis shetis shirtis smokkis and ⟨21⟩ other suche aswell as in makinge of Brigges Cawseys and highe weyes so that in ⟨22⟩ all theire tymes hath not be founde amonges them mony personnes of suche disposicioun ⟨23⟩ And that as ferre as they understande and knowe bi the feith that they owe to ⟨24⟩ Almighty God and to the Kinge our Souveraigne lorde The saide William Spen-⟨25⟩-cer is Goddis servaunte and the Kinges true liegeman and subiette ⟨26⟩

[1] i.e. a libral ehost or entertainer

And sith that the saide Shiref and Counceille of Necessitee be dryven to ⟨27⟩ opyn the misgouvernaunces unlawfull Riottous demeanyng and Innaturell disposi-⟨28⟩-tiounis of the seide Thomas Norton whiche they have long forborne and suffred ⟨29⟩ onely bycause that the saide Thomas saieth him self to be one of the Kinges moost ⟨30⟩ honourable householde That therfore it be shewed and declarid unto the Kinges ⟨31⟩ highnes in the behalf of the saide Shyref and Counceill That the saide Thomas ⟨32⟩ hath Reteignid in fourme biforespecified diverse and many idell and misgouvernid perso-⟨33⟩-nes and is a Commyn haunter of Tavernes and sittithe there with them and other suche ⟨34⟩ Raylinge for the more nightely unto midnighte and drawith unto his company ⟨35⟩ Riottous and eville disposid persounes and doith not associate him self with honnest ⟨36⟩ nor welrewlid company Lieth in his bedde tyll it be IX or X at the bell daily as ⟨37⟩ well the holidayes as the werkyngdaies not attendyng to Devine Service ⟨38⟩ As belongith to a gentleman of his degree spendinge the after-
Fo. 302 (*b*) nones ⟨1⟩ when sermones and evensonges been seieng in pleyeng at the Tenyse and othir suche ⟨2⟩ fryvolous disportes Whereby But if due redresse be sette in shorte tyme in repressinge ⟨3⟩ of his saide Riottous disposicioun and others of his associacioun grete mischief is like ⟨4⟩ thereof hastily to ensue ⟨5⟩

And that the saide Thomas Norton ungoodly and Innaturelly by the Space of ⟨6⟩ diverse yeres werred stryved and troubelid with his oune Naturell fadre and modre ⟨7⟩ so that everiche of them diverse and many tymes gave him Cristis Curse and theires ⟨8⟩ and sith theire decees he hath interuptid and broken theire last willes and testaments ⟨9⟩

And also where his saide fadre gave certeyn londes and tenements unto Thomas Norton ⟨10⟩ the Younger his secunde brother The same Thomas Norton squier with mighte put ⟨11⟩ oute his saide brother of the saide londes and tenementes and vexid and troublid him by feynt sewtis and Acciouns in diverse courtes and had him long in prisone in the Savoy ⟨13⟩ and put him in suche fere and drede that he durst not abide within this londe But ⟨14⟩ departid oute of it towardes the parties of Spaigne in the whiche viage he was perish-⟨15⟩-id and drownid And albe it that afterwardes bi mediacioun of Sir Richarde ⟨16⟩ Chok' Knighte one of the Kynges Justices and the saide John Twynyho the said Thomas ⟨17⟩ Norton aggreed to bere an annuell Rent unto the wif of his saide

Brother duringe ⟨18⟩ the nonage of his neveugh towarde his sustentacioun savinge alwey his neveughs ⟨19⟩ Right Yet against his oune promys and agreament he hath bi his mighte and strength ⟨20⟩ withdrawen and not paide the saide annuell Rent And furthermore where he hath ⟨21⟩ nowe no brother bot onely one suster whiche is a good and worshipfull gentle-⟨22⟩-woman he doith withoute cause or matier innaturally lothe and hate hur in suche ⟨23⟩ Wise that by the space of mony yeres he wolde not speke with her nor be in her company ⟨24⟩ nor suffre hur to speke with him nor be in his company And over thies he stryved ⟨25⟩ and troublid diverse tymes with a worshipfull merchaunt of the saide Toune callid ⟨26⟩ John Shipward whome God assoile whiche was fadre unto the wif of the saide ⟨27⟩ Thomas and put him in grete vexacioun trouble and fere in so much that where ⟨28⟩ it pleasid the Kinge oure souveraigne lorde to commytte auctoritee unto the said Thomas ⟨29⟩ Norton after the felde of Tewkisbury to sease in to the Kinges handes suche londes ⟨30⟩ and tenements as the erle of Warwicke had in Somersetshire and in other places By colour ⟨31⟩ thereof the same Thomas Norton publisshed and noised that he had auctoritee ⟨32⟩ of the kinge oure Souveraigne lorde to smyte of the hedde of the saide John Shipward ⟨33⟩ his fadre in lawe whome he thretened so to do But if the said John Shipward ⟨34⟩ wolde deliver unto him suche Evidences as he had in his kepinge concernyng the ⟨35⟩

Fo. 303 (*a*) Londes and tenements that were his said Brothers for fere and drade of whiche ⟨1⟩ cruell dethe the saide John Shipwarde deliverid unto him all the said evidences ⟨2⟩ and bicause of the saide fere and trouble within short tyme thereafter the Rather ⟨3⟩ died ⟨4⟩

And so by the feith and trouth that they [bear] to god and to the kinge oure souveraigne Lorde ⟨5⟩ they can not trewely Report but litell goodness nor vertuouse disposicioun of the ⟨6⟩ saide Thomas though everich of them lovid him as well as their oune Brothern ⟨7⟩

And the premises shewid and declarid unto the Kinges good grace that the ⟨8⟩ saide John Druez Thomas Hexton and Richard Shermon in the behalf of the said ⟨9⟩ Shireef and Counceille in as humble wise as it is possible do beseche the kinges ⟨10⟩ good grace that such convenyent directioun may in brief tyme be taken in this ⟨11⟩ matier as may please his highnesse so that the commen pollicie good guidinge and sadde ⟨12⟩ Rule of the saide towne and

the honeste of the same be not overthrowe empeirid nother ⟨13⟩ hurt bi the cruell malice of the saide Thomas Norton and his adherents consideringe ⟨14⟩ that it is the Kinges oune Toune And the Chambre of our moost dradde souveraigne ⟨15⟩ Lady the quene And thenhabitaunts of it theire trewe liegis and feithfall subiettis ⟨16⟩ Wretin at Bristowe in the Yeldehall there And sealid with the Commen seale of the saide ⟨17⟩ Toune the saide XVth day of Marche the XIXth yere above writtin ⟨18⟩

And the saide Thomas Norton perceiving that the said Maire thus sadly discretely ⟨19⟩ and prudently had demeanyd himself and put him into the Shreefs Rule and kepinge ⟨20⟩ purposing to abide bi his trouthe and Innocency not dredyng nor feryng his malicious ⟨21⟩ falshode and tyranny toke his hors at Bristowe the said Sonday the XIIIIth day of ⟨22⟩ Marche pretendinge with all hast possible to ride to the kinge to mayteigne his saide ⟨23⟩ Appele and notwithstandinge his saide hasty pretensid countenaunce towarde the king ⟨24⟩ yet it was the thursday the XVIII day of the saide moneth er he came to the kinges ⟨25⟩ presence whiche was then at his saide Manoure of Shene And so the saide ⟨26⟩ Thomas Asshe sent to the Kyng fro the Shyref and the saide John Druez Thomas ⟨27⟩ Hexton and Richard Sherman sent to the kinges highnes from the said Shreef ⟨28⟩ Baillifs and Commen Counsaille preventid the comyng of the saide Thomas Norton ⟨29⟩ unto the kyng And leyserly shewed unto his good grace and to the lordes of his ⟨30⟩ Honourable Counsaille all the effecte of the saide Instruccioun to them commyttid ⟨31⟩ And when the said Thomas Norton came to the Kinges presence The kinge ⟨32⟩ estraunged his loke from him And he perceivid that and departid from the Courte to ⟨33⟩ Braynesforde And all the Courte hath him in suche lothnes that no Creature ⟨34⟩ accompanyed nor made him anny
Fo. 303 (*b*) chere ⟨1⟩

And on Friday the next morowe the XIXth daye of the saide moneth bifore John ⟨2⟩ Skryven Shiref of the saide Toune one of the Kinges Justices of his peace ⟨3⟩ there And bifore the said John Twynyho Recordour the saide Maire then beinge ⟨4⟩ absent and in warde by IIII Severell Jurrees made of the best combuers of the ⟨5⟩ V grete wardis of Bristowe biforesaide in the same Jurrees apperyng and ⟨6⟩ sworne IIII^{xx} VI notable and worshipfull' persounes The saide Thomas Norton ⟨7⟩ was endited of that that he

certeyn [*sic*] and yere in the same enditements contey-⟨8⟩-nyd in maner of confederacie by promise othe and writinge had reteignid ⟨9⟩ XXX^{ti} persounes ayenst the fourme of the Statute in that case purveide and that ⟨10⟩ everiche of the saide persounes had stande so Reteigned with the saide Thomas ⟨11⟩ Norton by the space of XVIII monethes and more The tenoure of Whiche ⟨12⟩ enditements with the Jurrees and all thyng concernyng the same appierith ⟨13⟩ hereaftir at suche a signe as is in the margyn And it is thought yef the saide ⟨14⟩ Thomas Norton be atteyntid and founde gilty upon the saide enditements ⟨15⟩ as by all lyklihode consideringe the opin trouthe of the matere it can be none ⟨16⟩ other wise thanne he shall forfaite bi vertue of the saide Statute unto the ⟨17⟩ Kyng oure souveraigne lorde for every persone so Reteigned by a moneth C.S ⟨18⟩ whiche will amounte in all to the somme of II ml D CCCC li[1] ⟨19⟩ and albe it that the saide Thomas Norton came to the Kinges Highe ⟨20⟩ presence to Shene the saide Thursday yet he profferid not him self bifore ⟨21⟩ the Kinge to shewe and mayteyne the saide appelle the Friday next folow-⟨22⟩ -yng Nor as it semeth wolde not the Saturday And the said John ⟨23⟩ Druez Thomas Hexton and Richard Shermon Solicitours for the said Shiref ⟨24⟩ Baillifs and Comen Counceille perteyneng the Retraite of the saide Thomas ⟨25⟩ Norton for the declaracioun of the saide Maire and theire deliveraunce Sued ⟨26⟩ unto the Kinges grace that it wolde please his highnesse to sende for the ⟨27⟩ saide Thomas Norton and commaunde him to appiere bifore his highness ⟨28⟩ and the lordes of his honourable counsell at Shene on Saturday the ⟨29⟩ next morowe the XXti day of the saide moneth to maynteigne his saide ⟨30⟩ Appele and to obiecte and allege against the saide Maire suche maters ⟨31⟩ as he had against him Where uppon a yoman of his Chambre by ⟨32⟩ vertue of his highe Commaundement enjoyned the saide Thomas Norton ⟨33⟩

Fo. 304 (*a*) in the Kinges behalf so to do And the saide Saturday at Shene the same ⟨1⟩ Norton appierid bifore the Kinge in his honourable counceille and the appelle writin ⟨2⟩ With his oune hande and sealid with the seale of his armes was Redde unto ⟨3⟩ him and his glove also shewed unto him whiche all he in the Kinges Roiall ⟨4⟩ presence knowledged and confessid to be his he was commaunded to shewe the specialte ⟨5⟩ of the Traysones bi him surmyttid to be donne by the saide Maire against the ⟨6⟩ Kinges dignitee and

[1] The calculation does not appear to be correct. According to the facts stated in the text it should be £2,700.

magiestee Roiall And almighty god that is the serchere ⟨7⟩ of all hertes and knowith the previtee of all sacresies made him so fele and ⟨8⟩ understande his oune untrue demeanyng in this matier that he coude unnethe ⟨9⟩ loke speke nor kepe his countenaunce bifore the Kinge and his Counceile but deme-⟨10⟩-nyd him self as a persone Ronne into fronsy as the Kyng sith hath seide to the ⟨11⟩ saide John Twynyho Recordoure and to Diverse other persounes And for asmoch ⟨12⟩ as the saide Thomas Norton coude allege no speciall treason against the saide ⟨13⟩ Maire nor thinge sownyng to treason nor yet anny offence commytted by the saide ⟨14⟩ Maire against the Kinge oure moost dradde Souveraigne lordes lawes Therfore it ⟨15⟩ pleasid his highnesse upon good deliberacioun had by the advise of the right ⟨16⟩ discrete lordes of his honourable Counsaille like a Rightwis naturell souveraign ⟨17⟩ lorde and a verry Justicer dismissed the said William Spencer of all accusa-⟨18⟩-ciouns made bi the said Thomas Norton Reputed and toke the said William ⟨19⟩ Spencer as his verray true and feithfull subiette and commaunded the saide ⟨20⟩ Shireef to set him at his large and libertee as it appiereith bi diverse of his moost ⟨21⟩ honourable lettres signed with his hande to the said Shyref and other adressid ⟨22⟩ Whiche lettres the Wenesday the XXIIIIti day of the said moneth of Marche the ⟨23⟩ foresaide John Druez Thomas Hexton and Richard Sherman brought to Bristow ⟨24⟩ That is to wete one directid to the saide Maire another to the saide Shreef and ⟨25⟩ the thirde to the said Shreef and to all other of the commune counceylle of the saide ⟨26⟩ Toune and as sone as the said Shreef and comyn Counceile had seen either ⟨27⟩ of the lettres aswell to him self as to him and the said Commune Counceile directid ⟨28⟩ forthewith the same Wenesday the saide Shreef Recordoure Coadiutors baillifs ⟨29⟩ and al other beinge of the said Commune Counceill with thousandes of people in ⟨30⟩ the moost gladde and joifull maner that coude be devised went to the Commen Gaole ⟨31⟩ of the saide Toune and set oute theire saide Maire accordinge to the Kinges ⟨32⟩ moost gracieux and Rightuous direcctioun and brought the swerde unto the ⟨33⟩ saide Maire and with such grete Joye and gladnesse conveied and brought him ⟨34⟩ to the Guildehall of the saide towne Where then the saide Maire Sheryff and ⟨35⟩ Recordoure held the Kinges Courte and then and there opinly before all the ⟨36⟩ said grete multitude The Kinges
Fo. 304 (*b*) saide honourable gracious and comfortable ⟨37⟩ Lettres by the saide John Twynyho Recorder were with Right Convenyent ⟨1⟩ Circumstaunces solempnely shewed radde and declared to the

grete consolacioun ⟨2⟩ of all the people it heryng For the whiche they all in theire moost humble wise ⟨3⟩ lyftyng up theire handes to hevyn with watry eyen for joy yave unto almighty ⟨4⟩ god herty thankinges And unto the Kinges Magiestee Roiall as grete laude and ⟨5⟩ preysinges as enny trewe subgiettis coude devise to yeve unto theire Naturell and ⟨6⟩ souveraigne lorde Bisechinge Almighty god that he and his Roiall issue moughte ⟨7⟩ perpetuelly Reigne on theym theire heires and successours The tenoure of which ⟨8⟩ lettres ensue in this wise ⟨9⟩

To oure trusty and Welbelovid William Spencer Maire of oure towne of Bristowe ⟨10⟩

Bi the Kinge

Trusty and welbelovid we grete you well and where as Thomas Norton ⟨11⟩ Esquier hath of late accused you that ye shuld have compassid and wrought ⟨12⟩ certein highe treasounes ayenst us And thereuppon hath shewed and deliverid ⟨13⟩ unto John Skryven Shyref of oure Toune of Bristowe an appele thereof writin ⟨14⟩ with his oune hande And with the seale of his Armes sealid his glove there ⟨15⟩ unto annexed charginge him in oure name with youre persone We have clerely ⟨16⟩ understoud howe that ye in all goodly hast upon youre knowlechinge of the same ⟨17⟩ as oure verray true and faithfull liegeman desireng to aunswere and be ⟨18⟩ declarid of every poynte that coude be alleged against yow in that behalf of your ⟨19⟩ free will withoute enny maner compulcioun offred youre self prisonere unto ⟨20⟩ the saide Shreef Requireng hym therfore to convey yow unto oure comen gaole ⟨21⟩ of oure saide towne there to remayne unto the tyme that our pleasire in that partie ⟨22⟩ shulde be fully understonden With the whiche youre trewe and obeysaunt ⟨23⟩ demeanyng we be right wele pleasid And for asmoche as we have Ripely ⟨24⟩ understandinge aswell by a lettre testimoniall undre the Comen Seale of oure saide ⟨25⟩ Toune as otherwise that ye at all tymes heretofore have behaved yewe right ⟨26⟩ saddely and substancially aswell in the mairaltee of oure saide Towne as ⟨27⟩ other tymes so that by meanes of your pollicye and sadde rule the Wele of ⟨28⟩ comons there hath been gretely fertherd and encresid We therefore and ⟨29⟩ for diverse other grete consideraciouns have fully determyned that notwith-⟨30⟩-stondyng enny accusacioun shewed unto us against yow by the saide Thomas ⟨31⟩ ye shal be put unto your playne large and libertee and occupy youre saide office ⟨32⟩

Fo. 305 (a) As long as the tyme of youre Mairaltee shall endure as quietly and freely as ye ded ⟨1⟩ or owed to have doon yef no suche thing had be leyed against yow So that we nowe ⟨2⟩ by oure lettres have for the same intent commaunded the saide Shyref to sette yow at youre ⟨3⟩ playne libertee And therefore we will and desire you and netheles charge yow that ⟨4⟩ Incontynent upon the sighte hereof ye fully dispose yowe to exercise the said Mairaltee ⟨5⟩ in every behalve under suche fourme as ye before the saide accusacioun ded or owed to ⟨6⟩ have done latyng yow wete that we take and repute yow for oure trewe subgiette ⟨7⟩ and that we be and shalbe youre good and graciouse souveraigne lorde entendinge ⟨8⟩ at convenyent leysoure hereafter to here youre declaracioun in the premises and that ⟨9⟩ thereto may apperteigne as the case shall Require Commaundinge yow streytly over thies ⟨10⟩ that ye ne spare for favoure or drede of enny persone or persones whatesomevir they ⟨11⟩ be to punysshe duely al suche Riotous and misruled persones as in enny wise wolde ⟨12⟩ attempte the distourbaunce or breche of oure peas within oure saide Toune hereafter ⟨13⟩ as largely as ye wolde or owed to have doon if no suche accusacioun had bene not ⟨14⟩ faillyng hereof as we trust yow And as ye intende tanswere unto us in that behalf ⟨15⟩ Yoven under oure Signet at oure Manoire of Shene the XXIti day of Marche ⟨16⟩

To oure trusty and welbelovid John Skryven
Shyreef of oure towne of Bristowe ⟨17⟩

By the Kyng

Trusty and welbelovid we grete you well and where as of late Thomas Norton ⟨18⟩ Esquier hath appelid William Spencer Maire of oure Toune of Bristowe that he ⟨19⟩ shuld have compassid and wrought certein highe treasones against oure persone and ⟨20⟩ thereuppon hath shewed and deliverd unto you an appele thereof wretin with ⟨21⟩ his oune hande and with the seale of his armes sealid his glove thereto annexed ⟨22⟩ chargyng yowe in oure name with the persone of the saide Maire We have under⟨23⟩stonden howe that the saide William in al goodly hast after his knowleche of the same ⟨24⟩ as oure true and feithfull subgiet desireng to aunswere and be declarid of every ⟨25⟩ poynte that coude be alleged againste him in that behalf voluntarily withoute ⟨26⟩ enny maner compulcyoun offrid him self prisoner unto yowe Requiringe yowe ⟨27⟩ therfore to convey him unto oure Commen Gaole within

oure saide Toune there to remayn ⟨28⟩ unto the tyme that oure pleasure in that partie shulde be fully understanden with ⟨29⟩ the whiche his trewe and obeisaunt demeanyng we be Right wel pleasid ⟨30⟩ And for asmoche as we have fully understanden aswell by a lettre testymoniall ⟨31⟩ under commen Seale of oure said Toune as otherwise that the saide[1] ⟨32⟩ William is righte a sadde and substantiall man and full able to occupy the ⟨33⟩
Fo. 305 (*b*) mairaltee there And for diverse other grete consideraciouns Notwithstandinge ⟨1⟩ anny accusacioun shewed us bi the saide Thomas We have fully determyned that ⟨2⟩ the same William shalbe put unto his libertee and exercise his saide Office aslong ⟨3⟩ as the tyme of his Mairaltee shal endure as freely and quietely as yef no suche thinge ⟨4⟩ had been layed against him We therfore will and charge yow that for the same ⟨5⟩ entent ye in all hast after the sighte hereof delyver him unto his said libertee ⟨6⟩ And also that ye do sende suyrely to us the persone of William Wilkyns upon whome ⟨7⟩ the saide Thomas groundith the matier of his saide accusacioun Yoven under oure ⟨8⟩ signet at oure Manoire of Shene the XXI ti Day of Marche ⟨9⟩

To our trusty and wel belovid John Skryven Shrief of oure Toune of ⟨10⟩ Bristowe and to all other of the Commen Counceylle of the same oure Toune ⟨11⟩

By the Kinge

Trusty and welbelovid We grete you well And where as thaccusacioun late made ⟨12⟩ by Thomas Norton Esquier against oure Trusty and welbelovid William Spencer ⟨13⟩ Maire of oure Toune of Bristowe hath be shewid unto us Whereby it was surmysid ⟨14⟩ that the same William had compassid and wrought certein grete treasons against ⟨15⟩ oure person We have nowe clerely understanden aswel by a lettre testimoniall undre the ⟨16⟩ Commen Seale of oure saide Toune as otherwise the hole circumstaunce of thobbeysaunt true ⟨17⟩ and thankfull demeanyng that the saide William hath bene of for the declaracioun ⟨18⟩ of his trouth in that behalf For the whiche we the Rather be and shalbe his good ⟨19⟩ and tendre Souveraigne lorde for asmoche as we aswell by the saide lettre testimo⟨20⟩niall as by other credible Report made unto us have also understanden that the saide ⟨21⟩ William aswell at all seasouns that he hath occupied the Mairaltee there as other ⟨22⟩ tymes hathe usid suche sadde Rule and poletique guidyng

[1] *The words* ' ye be ' *struck out.*

within oure saide Toune ⟨23⟩ Whereby the Commen wele there hathe been gretely fertherd and encresid to oure righte ⟨24⟩ singuler pleasure We therefore and for diverse other grete consideraciouns have ⟨25⟩ pleniarly determyned that natwithstonding the same accusacioun the saide William ⟨26⟩ shalbe put unto his libertee and fredome and occupie his saide office duringe the ⟨27⟩ tyme of his mairaltee as quietely freely and largely as he ded or owed to have done ⟨28⟩ if no suche thinge had be leide against him we therefore will and desire yowe and ⟨29⟩ netheles charge you that ye and every of yowe incontynent after the sight hereof ⟨30⟩ accepte take Repute and obey him as youre Maire and helpe and assist him as well ⟨31⟩ in exerciseng of the saide Office of Mairaltee as in punyssheng of all Riotous and ⟨32⟩ misruelid persones attemptinge to distourbe or breke oure peace within oure saide ⟨33⟩

Fo. 306 (*a*) Towne hereafter as largely as ye wolde and ought to have done if no such accusacioun ⟨1⟩ had bene And in asmoche as in yow is ye do him so to be acceptid taken reputid and obeied ⟨2⟩ by all thenhabitaunts of oure saide Toune there wherein ye shall do unto us Right good pleasur ⟨3⟩ Yoven undre oure signet at oure Manoire of Shene the XXI day of Marche ⟨4⟩

And on the Wenesday the XXVIIti day of the saide Moneth of Marche the said John Skryven ⟨5⟩ Shireef by the Kinges Commaundment of his Rather lettres late to him directid sende up unto ⟨6⟩ his noble presence the persone of John Wilkyns boucher by the saide Thomas Hexton and ⟨7⟩ Richard Shermon To whome the saide Shireef Baillifs and Commen Counsaille yave certein ⟨8⟩ Instruccioun in writinge sealid under theire commen seale touchinge the saide John Wilkyns ⟨9⟩ to be mynestred and shewid in their behalves unto oure saide Souveraigne lorde And to the ⟨10⟩ Right wise and discrete lordes of his honourable counceile The tenoure of which ⟨11⟩ Instruccioun are these folouyng ⟨12⟩

Instruccioun yevin the XXVIti day of the Moneth of Marche the XIXth yere of the Reigne ⟨13⟩ of oure Naturell and moost Redoubtid Souveraigne lorde kinge Edward the fourth by his ⟨14⟩ humble true and feithfull servaunts John Skryven Shyref of the Toune of Bristowe John ⟨15⟩ Druez and Richard Bonde Baillifs and their brethern beinge of the Commen Counceyll of the ⟨16⟩ saide Toune unto Thomas Hexton and Richard Shermon to minestre and shewe in the ⟨17⟩ behalf of the saide Shireef Baillifs and

Counceyll unto oure saide Souveraigne lorde and ⟨18⟩ to the Right wise and discrete lordes of his honourable Counsaile ⟨19⟩
Furst that the saide Thomas and Richard as humbly as it is possible do Recommaunde the ⟨20⟩ saide Shyref Baillifs and commen Counceyle unto the Kinges moost noble grace and as ⟨21⟩ ferforth as they can Imagyne and devise do yeve laude preisinges and thankinges ⟨22⟩ in theire moost humble wise unto the Kinges magiestee Roiall for his Rightuous good ⟨23⟩ and graciouse entretinge of William Spencer Maire of the said Toune to theire grete ⟨24⟩ comforte gladnesse and consolacioun Shewinge ferther that they be and will contynue ⟨25⟩ his trewe feithfull and obeisaunt lieges duringe theire lyves and after theire powers ⟨26⟩ redy alwey to accomplisshe his highe Commaundements ⟨27⟩

And where it hath pleasid the Kinges grace among other to commaunde the saide Shref ⟨28⟩ by his honourable lettres Missives to sende suyrly unto his highnes the person of William ⟨28⟩ Wylkyns that the saide Thomas and Richard do certefie the Kinges highnes that there ⟨30⟩ was nor is no suche persone callid William Wilkyns in his kepinge nor within his gaole ⟨31⟩ Natheles that there is oon John Wilkyns boucher in the saide gaole there And that the ⟨32⟩
Fo. 306 (*b*) saide Shireef dothe sende the saide John Wilkins unto the Kinges highnes bi them ⟨1⟩ Thinkinge that he is the same persoune that the King writith for by his said lettres ⟨2⟩

And that they do shewe and declare unto oure saide Souveraigne Lorde that the saide John ⟨3⟩ Wilkyns is a Commen barrettoure affraioure of the Kinges subgietts a nightwalker a breker ⟨4⟩ of his peace redy alwey to commocion and Rebellion and stuyrer and provoker of the same And ⟨5⟩ as the Commen fame here Renneth was a Manqueller[1] in Walis for occasioun wherof he ⟨6⟩ came to dwelle in the saide Toune and is an unthrifty misgouvernid persone of mys-⟨7⟩-chevis disposicioun in so moche that the XXth day of February the XIIII yere of the Kinges ⟨8⟩ moost noble reigne Robert Straunge then beinge Maire of the saide Towne the said ⟨9⟩ John Wilkins aboute midnight made a fray upon a straunge person unknowen and ⟨10⟩ hym bete wounded and evilly entretid whereuppon the Baillifs of the saide Toune ⟨11⟩ at that tyme beinge put to them in devoire to have take the said John Wilkyns and to ⟨12⟩ have brought him to the Kinges gaole there to have Remaynid unto the tyme that ⟨13⟩ he had be laufully punysshed for the saide

[1] i.e. 'murderer

offence And the saide John thereuppon ⟨14⟩ fledde in to the Shamellis there and gate a Bowe and arowes and maliciously resistid ⟨15⟩ the Kinges saide Baillifs and shotte many arowes at them and theire company and ⟨16⟩ diverse of them sore hurte and wounded and specially one John Carsy servaunte unto ⟨17⟩ the saide Baillifs so that he was in jouperdie of his lyf Netheles at the last he was ⟨18⟩ takin and brought to the Kinges gaole and there punysshed and kepte for the saide ⟨19⟩ Offences unto the tyme that he was therehens lawfully delivered by the saide Robert ⟨20⟩ Straunge then beinge Maire ⟨21⟩

And that afterwardes that is to wite on the eve of Seinte Calixt then nexst ensuyng ⟨22⟩ the saide John Wilkyns and diverse other persounes unknowen with force and armis ⟨23⟩ at Bedmyster in the Countie of Somerset lay in a waite to have slayne William Rouley ⟨24⟩ one of the said Baillifs as he came fro Wellis fayre and then and there assawted ⟨25⟩ affraied and wolde have slayne the saide William for that he with other bi the Commaun-⟨26⟩dement of the saide Robert Straunge then Maire toke the saide John Wilkyns upon the saide grete affray and Riot bi him made in Bristowe biforesaide ⟨28⟩ And that on Sonday the feste of Seinte Patryk the XVIth yere of the noble reigne ⟨29⟩ of oure saide Souveraigne lorde William Bridde then beinge Maire of the saide ⟨30⟩ Toune of Bristowe the said John Wilkyns and two other persones unknowen then ⟨31⟩ and there of his oune quarell withoute mater or cause assautid affraied and bete one ⟨32⟩ Lewes Abbergeverne and him gave two grete woundis whereuppon Stephen Morgan ⟨33⟩ Carpinter then beinge Constable of the warde where the said affray was made ⟨34⟩ came to them and required them to kepe the Kinges peace and wolde have arestid ⟨25⟩ them for the saide Offence upon whome then and there the said John Wilkyns ⟨36⟩ made affray and sore bete and wounded the saide Counstable
Fo. 307 (*a*) And there left him for dede ⟨1⟩

And that where the XIIth day of July the XVIth yere of the Reigne of oure saide souveraign ⟨2⟩ Lorde the saide William Bridde then beinge Maire of the saide towne The same ⟨3⟩ John Wilkyns was ordeignid among other persounes to be Wocheman in the saide towne ⟨4⟩ after the fourme of the statute in that behalve purveide The said John Wilkyns aboute ⟨5⟩ Midnighte then and there supersticiously quarellid with one Richard Birchell Boucher ⟨6⟩ withoute cause or matier. So that upon the saide quarell there

grewe a grete affray and ⟨7⟩ grete assemble of the Kinges people to theire grete trouble and grief In the whiche affray ⟨8⟩ the saide Richard Birchell was slayne for whoos dethe one Richard More Bruer was ⟨9⟩ endited and nowe is for the same cause in the Kinges gaole there albe it hit is nowe at ⟨10⟩ this tyme verily supposid that plainly proof wilbe made that the saide John Wilkyns ⟨11⟩ slewe the saide Richard Birchell ⟨12⟩

Uppon everiche of whiche saide affraies the saide William Bridde then Maire ⟨13⟩ causid the saide John Wilkyns to be taken and brought to the Kinges gaole there and ⟨14⟩ in the same abode unto the tyme he was from thens after the Ordre of the Kinges ⟨15⟩ lawes delivered ⟨16⟩

And also that where the VIth daie of August the XVIIth yere of the Reigne of the ⟨17⟩ Kinge oure souveraigne lorde that nowe is John Bagot then beinge Maire of the saide ⟨18⟩ toune the said John Wilkyns And other misgouverned persounes quarellid and made ⟨19⟩ affray upon one John Dane and other at Bristowe biforesaide The baillifs of the saide ⟨20⟩ Toune for that tyme beinge in conservacioun of the Kinges peace had the saide persounes ⟨21⟩ affore them and examined the saide matier and understandinge that there was no ⟨22⟩ blode shadde nor no grete attemptate done ayenst the kinges peace enjoynid them ⟨23⟩ straitely on the Kinges behalve to kepe his peace and so at that tyme without other puny-⟨24⟩-cion suffred them freely to departe Yet nastheles the saide John Wilkyns with XII other ⟨25⟩ misgouvernid persounes the same night aboute midnighte with VIII grete mastyves ⟨26⟩ Bouchers houndes beinge mankinde[1] came to the highe Crosse there and soughte the saide ⟨27⟩ Baillifs Intendyng to have slayne them supposinge that the saide baillifs had ⟨28⟩ walked that nighte for the kepinge of the Kinges peace as the Baillyfs there nightly ⟨29⟩ for the more parte be accustumed to do Whereuppon the saide John Bagot then Maire ⟨30⟩ the next morowe folouyng undre-standinge his Riottous demeanyng causid the ⟨31⟩ saide John Wilkyns and other of the saide misgouverned persounes to be brought before ⟨32⟩ hym and after examinacion and conviccon of the premises committed them to the Kinges ⟨33⟩ gaole wherein
Fo. 307 (*b*) they Remayneth unto the tyme that oute of it he wase sette in ⟨34⟩ Lawfull maner at large ⟨1⟩

[1] i.e. 'savage'

And the XIth daie of Octobre the XVIIIth yere of the reigne of oure saide souveraigne lorde In ⟨2⟩ the tyme of the Mairaltee of the saide William Spencer then being Maire of the said ⟨3⟩ Toune the saide John Wilkyns aboute midnight suspeciously was founde bi one John ⟨4⟩ Dighton and other servaunts to the Baillifs of the saide Toune Standyng in a derk Corner ⟨5⟩ having a grete staff in his handes and a swerde and a dagger aboute him with whome ⟨6⟩ the saide John Dighton Resouned to know the cause of his beinge there whereunto he ⟨7⟩ annswered Go thi way at thi perill for if thowe and the Baillifs use to walke in this ⟨8⟩ Toune in this maner ye shall aby therefore or ells I and XXVIIIti moo will ly in the Strete ⟨9⟩ The whiche grete wordes notwithstondinge the said John John Dighton and his saide felow-⟨10⟩-ship set upon the saide John Wilkyns and toke him and brought him to the Kinges ⟨11⟩ gaole there whereuppon the next morowe the saide William Spencer nowe beinge ⟨13⟩ Maire causid the saide John Wilkyns to be brought bifore him and the saide Shyref ⟨13⟩ opinly in the Kinges Court then there holden and examined him upon the same offences ⟨14⟩ of whiche bi due proffe he was convictid and then the saide Maire allegid unto ⟨15⟩ him all his saide other Riottes and offences by ordre and sighe[1] that he was drownid ⟨16⟩ in mis-gouvernaunce and contynued yerely therein and daily encresid in mischevous disposicion ⟨17⟩ withoute amendement And for that by comyn fame and verrey knowleche the saide ⟨18⟩ Maire and Shreef beinge the Kinges Justices of his peace within the saide Toune ⟨19⟩ Certeinly understode that the saide John Wilkyns was a comyn Barrettoure pertur-⟨20⟩-boure of the Kinges peace and a Riottous person Therefore the saide Maire and Sheref com-⟨21⟩ -myttid the saide John Wilkyns to the Kinges Gaole there in the same saufly to remayn ⟨22⟩ unto the tyme that he did finde sufficient suyrtie for his good beryng against ⟨23⟩ the Kyng oure Souveraigne lorde and all his liege people As in a Recorde therof made ⟨24⟩ in the saide Courte Remayneng it is conteignid more at large ⟨25⟩

And that afterwardes that is to say the XXIti day of Octobre last passid came bifore ⟨26⟩ the saide Maire and Shyreef at Bristowe biforesaid in the playne Court holden there ⟨27⟩ Thomas Hall Smith Harry Cochis Maryner and John Hande Whitetawier burgeys ⟨28⟩ of the saide Toune and late Prisoners in the saide gaole And of theire mere mocion ⟨29⟩ for the Zele and love that they bere

[1] i.e. 'seeing

unto the saide Maire declarid and shewid unto hym ⟨30⟩ that the saide John Wilkyns diverse tymes saide unto them beinge prisoners in ⟨31⟩ the saide gaole that the saide William Spencer nowe Maire was untrewe to the Kinge ⟨32⟩ oure Souveraigne lorde And that the saide Maire had C.C.C.C.li of the goodes of George ⟨33⟩ late Duc of Clarance And C.C.C.li of the goodes of Richard late Erle of Warwyk ⟨34⟩

Fo. 308 (*a*) And that the saide John Wilkyns shuld say and speke there many dishonest and Rebuke-⟨1⟩-full wordis of the saide maire whereuppon the saide Maire and Shyref withoute tarry-⟨2⟩-eng sent for the saide John Wilkyns and causid him to be brought before them in the saide Countre ⟨3⟩ and examyned him upon the premises in the presence of the saide Thomas Hall Harry Cockis ⟨4⟩ and John Hande Whiche John Wilkyns upon his othe made upon the Holy Evangelyes of ⟨5⟩ his oune proffere denyed all the premises And saide by his othe that he never spake eny ⟨6⟩ suche wordes excepte that he seide that he callid the saide Maire Apis face and cursid him ⟨7⟩ for that he had commyttid him to Warde And saide if he were oute of Prison he wolde ⟨8⟩ cause him to come bifore my lorde Princes Counceille He was examyned for whate cause ⟨9⟩ he said that he wolde cause the saide Maire to be callid affore my lorde Princes Councell ⟨10⟩ and upon his othe he coude no cause shewe nor allege And afterward that is to wete on ⟨11⟩ Wenesday the Xth day of this present moneth of Marche at thenstaunce of Sir John Seyntlo ⟨12⟩ Knight The saide Maire and Shyref at Bristowe biforesaide in the playne Courte then ⟨13⟩ holden there had before them the saide John Wilkyns and recited all the premises unto him ⟨14⟩ And [at] the Instaunce of Sir John Sayntlo aforesaide the saide Maire forgave him all his saide ⟨15⟩ seyengis and commaunded his keper that he shulde have free prison Whereuppon the ⟨16⟩ saide John Wilkyns opinly there saide that he never spake of the Maire in such wise ne ⟨17⟩ in none other fourme but as he before had knowledged And there uppon for lacke of suyrtys ⟨18⟩ of his good berynge he was remittid unto the saide gaole ⟨19⟩

And that the Saturday then next folouyng Whiche was the next morowe after ⟨20⟩ that Thomas Norton had accusid and appelid the saide Maire in fourme as the Kinges ⟨21⟩ good grace before is certefied The same Thomas Norton made al laboure and Instaunce ⟨22⟩ possible to have spoken with the said John Wilkyns in so

moche that he sent to his ⟨23⟩ keper his oune signet for a tokyn desiringe the saide keper to bring the saide John ⟨24⟩ Wylkyns to the hous of the saide Thomas Norton secretly by nighte that they mought ⟨25⟩ there with him whiche the saide keper denyed and wolde not assent so to do whereuppon ⟨26⟩ the saide Thomas Norton sende diverse messages unto the said John Wilkyns by the ⟨27⟩ wyfe of the saide John as the saide keper hath deposid before Nathelees the specialtee ⟨28⟩ of the saide messages he knowith not And the saide Thomas Norton perceivinge that ⟨29⟩ he in noo wise coude speke with the saide John Wilkyns soubtilly entendyng to purchace ⟨30⟩ the benivolence and favour of the said John Wylkyns in Right presumptuouse maner ⟨31⟩ as though he wolde be a Capitall gouvernoure of the saide toune havyng an auctoritee ⟨32⟩ surmountyng the pouer commyttid by the Kinges grace And his noble progenitours ⟨33⟩ unto the Maire and Sheref of the said toune sent one John Hewes his servaunte in to ⟨34⟩ the saide gaole whiche in the behalf of the said Thomas Norton his maistir in ⟨35⟩ the hireng of the saide John Wilkyns commaunded his keper upon payne of VC marks ⟨36⟩ that he shulde put none Irons upon the saide John Wilkyns but suffre him for to ⟨37⟩ have free Prison Seieng thow shalt have good tithinges hastely Albe it that ⟨38⟩

Fo. 308 (*b*) The same John Wilkyns accordinge to the Commaundement yovin bi the saide ⟨1⟩ Maire and Sheref to his saide keper on Wenesday then last passid in pleyne Court ⟨2⟩ had as free and easy prison as anny creature beinge in the saide gaole and in suche easy ⟨3⟩ and free Prison contynued unto the Monday nighte then next folouyng that is to wite ⟨4⟩ the XV day of this present moneth of Marche whiche monday nighte the saide John ⟨5⟩ Wilkyns made a grete affray upon one of his felowes beinge prisoners in the saide gaole ⟨6⟩ and him with his fist grevously bete aboute the face for whiche and withoute enny ⟨7⟩ other commaundement or cause his saide keper put him in streytar warde ⟨8⟩

And the premises Shewed and declarid unto the Kinges good grace that the saide ⟨9⟩ Thomas Hexton and Richard Sherman in the behalve of the saide Shreef Baillifs ⟨10⟩ and Counceile in as humble wise as it is possible do beseche the Kinges highnes that ⟨11⟩ suche direccioun and punycioun be set upon the saide John Wilkyns as may please ⟨12⟩ the kinges good grace and accorde with his lawes

and suerte of his liegis Wretin ⟨13⟩ At Bristowe the day yere and place abovewretin ⟨14⟩

And moreovir the saide Saturday the XXVIIth day of March the said Shireff ⟨15⟩ Baillifs and Comyn Counsaile wrote and sende with the saide Thomas Hexton and ⟨16⟩ Richard Sherman diverse lettres directid to certein lordes of the Kinges Counceile that ⟨17⟩ is to sey a letter to my lorde Marques Dorset a lettre to my lorde Ryvers a lettre to my lorde ⟨18⟩ Richard the quene is sonne of like tenoure a lettre to my lorde the Bisshop of Worcester a ⟨19⟩ lettre to my lorde Dakre the quenes chamberleyn and a lettre to Sir Thomas Vaughan Knight ⟨20⟩ The tenoure of all which lettres ar these folowinge ⟨21⟩

To the Right highe and mighti our Redoubtid and speciall good lord my lorde Marquis Dorset ⟨22⟩

To the Right highe and mighti our redoubtid and special good lord therle Ryvers lorde Maistir ⟨23⟩ unto my lorde Prince ⟨24⟩

To the Righte highe and mighti oure Redoubtid and special good lorde my lorde Richard ⟨25⟩ sonne unto the quene oure moost dredde souveraigne Lady ⟨26⟩

Right high' and mighty oure Redoubtid and speciall good lorde We recomaunde us ⟨27⟩ unto youre highnes in oure Right humble wise Thanking the same in oure moost ⟨28⟩ herty maner of the good and favourable lordeship that it hath pleasid yow to shewe ⟨29⟩

Fo. 309 (*a*) Unto oure Maire William Spencer In this iniuste maliciouse quarrell that ⟨1⟩ Thomas Norton hath meovid against him In whiche it hathe pleasid the Kinges ⟨2⟩ highnesse to shewe him self so Rightuous benigne and gracious souveraign lorde ⟨3⟩ unto oure saide Maire and us to his perpetuell laude Renoune and praisyng and ⟨4⟩ to our commen comforte consolacioun and gladnes So that we have and beside oure ⟨5⟩ naturell bonde of ligeaunce be bounde and will if it be possible encrece oure feith ⟨6⟩ trouth and service unto his good grace and unto his moost noble and Roiall ⟨7⟩ Issue Bisechinge you to contynue your good and favourable lordship unto oure ⟨8⟩ sayde Maire and us in the same matere and in suche

other as we shull have to sewe ⟨9⟩ unto the Kynges good grace And we shal alwey be your true oratours and servaunts ⟨10⟩ Right high and mighty oure Redoubtid and speciall good lorde Almighti ⟨11⟩ Jesu ever have you in his mercifull gouvernaunce and Alwey sende you the victory of ⟨12⟩ youre enemys Wretin at Bristowe the XXVIti day of Marche

Your Oratours true and feithful servaunts
the Shiref Baillifs and Commen Counseile
of the Toune of Bristowe

To the Righte Reverent fadre in God and oure special good lord the Busshop ⟨14⟩ of Worsetter ⟨15⟩

Right Reverent fadre in god and oure especiall good lorde We Reccomaunde us ⟨16⟩ unto youre good Lordship in oure Right humble wise Thankinge the same in ⟨17⟩ oure moost herty maner of the good and favourable lordship that it hath pleasid ⟨18⟩ you to shewe unto oure maire William Spencer in this iniuste and maliciouse ⟨19⟩ quarell that Thomas Norton hath meovid against him In whiche it hath ⟨20⟩ pleasid the Kinges Highnes to shewe him self so Rightuouse benigne and gracious ⟨21⟩ souveraigne lorde unto oure saide Maire and us to the perpetuell laude Renoune and ⟨22⟩ praysinge of his highnes and to oure Commen comforte consolacioun and gladnesse so ⟨23⟩ that we above and beside our Naturell bonde of ligeaunce be bounde and will yef it ⟨24⟩ be possible encrece oure feithe trouth and service unto his good grace and to his ⟨25⟩ moste noble and Roiall Issue Bisechinge you to contynue youre good favourable ⟨26⟩ lordship unto oure saide Maire and us and that it may please youre good lorde-⟨27⟩-ship to hertilly thank oure speciall good lordes my lorde Marques Dorsette my lord ⟨28⟩ Ryvers and my lorde Richard which for your Reverence and instaunce have shewid ⟨29⟩ theire favourable good lordships unto oure saide Maire and us in this oure grete ⟨30⟩

Fo. 309 (*b*) Necessitee to oure Singuler comforte Relief and helpe for the whiche we ⟨1⟩ shall be alwey true Oratours and servaunts unto youre and theire lordeships ⟨2⟩ Right Reverent fadre in God and our speciall good lorde almighty Jesu ever have ⟨3⟩ you in his mercifull gouvernaunce Wretin at Bristowe the VII Day of Aprille ⟨4⟩

Your Oratours ut supra

To the Right Honourable and oure Speciall goode lorde my lorde Dakre ⟨5⟩ Chamberleyn unto the Quene oure moost dradde Souveraigne Lady ⟨6⟩

Right Honourable and oure Speciall good lorde We recommaunde us unto youre ⟨7⟩ good lordship in oure Right humble wise thankyng the same etc ut in predictis litteris ⟨8⟩ Right Honourable oure good and speciall lorde almighty Jesu ever have yow in his ⟨9⟩ mercifull gouvernaunce Wretin etc ut in predictis litteris ⟨10⟩

Youre Oratours ut supra

To the Right Honourable and oure speciall good Maistir Sir Thomas Vaughan ⟨11⟩ Knight Chamberleyn unto my lorde Prince ⟨12⟩

Right Honourable and oure Specyall good maistir We recommaunde us ⟨13⟩ unto youre gode maistirship'

Thankyng the same in oure moost herty wise and maner ⟨14⟩ of youre good and favourable maistirship' that it pleasid yew to shewe unto oure ⟨15⟩ Maire etc ut in predictis litteris Bisechinge yow to contynue good and favourable ⟨16⟩ Maistir unto oure saide Maire and us etc ut in predictis litteris And that knowith ⟨17⟩ God who ever have you in his mercifull gouvernaunce Wretin etc ut in predictis litteris

Youre Servaunts the Shiref
baillifs and Commune Counsaille
of the toune of Bristowe.

And hereuppon the saide Thomas Hexton and Richard Sherman with all diligence ⟨19⟩ spedde them to the Kinge and brought the saide John Wilkyns to his noble presence at ⟨20⟩ Shene and there Ministred unto his good grace theffecte of theire Instruccioun is where ⟨21⟩ upon the Kinge in his Counceile leiserly examyned the saide John Wilkyns to knowe and ⟨22⟩ undrestonde whate mater he coude allege to the charge of the saide Maire And albe it that ⟨23⟩ the same John Wilkyns bere grete grugge and malice to the saide Maire for that he had ⟨24⟩ laufully punysshid him as is before
Fo. 310 (*a*) specified yet he made as good Reporte unto the ⟨25⟩ Kyng as coulde be devised of the trouth and of the sadde and worshipfull demeanyng ⟨1⟩ of the saide Maire and thereuppon the Kinge

made to be callid the saide Thomas Norton ⟨2⟩ into his saide Counceille and there examyned him the saide John Wilkyns being present ⟨3⟩ and for asmoche as no thinge coude be allegged by the saide Thomas Norton nor by the ⟨4⟩ saide John Wilkyns to the charge of the saide Maire Therfore it pleasid the kinge of his ⟨5⟩ gracious disposicion and Rightwisnes by thadvice of the lordes of his honourable ⟨6⟩ Counceille to dismisse and discharge clerely the saide Maire of all the premises And there⟨7⟩uppon remaunded and sent ayen the saide John Wilkyns to Bristowe to the said Maire ⟨8⟩ by the saide Thomas Hexton and Richard Sherman there to Remayne in warde unto ⟨9⟩ the tyme that he were therehens lawfully deliverid And over that wrote his honourable ⟨10⟩ lettres thider one directid to the saide Maire another to the saide Shireef And the thirde ⟨11⟩ to the saide Maire and Shyreef which saide Thomas Hexton and Richard Sherman with ⟨12⟩ the saide prisonere and lettres came to Bristowe on Saturday the thirde day of Aprill ⟨13⟩ then next folouyng The tenoure of whiche lettres be thise ⟨14⟩

To oure Trusty and Wel belovid William Spencer Maire of oure Toune of Bristowe ⟨15⟩

Bi the King

Trusty and Welbelovid we grete you well And where as we of late tyme commaun-⟨16⟩-ded oure Trusty and welbelovid John Skryven Shyref of oure Toune of Bristowe ⟨17⟩ to sende John Wilkyns unto us to thentent that we mighte understande and knowe ⟨18⟩ what he coude say or shewe ayenst yow upon thappele of Thomas Norton Squier ⟨19⟩ we let you wete he hath been affore us and oure Counsaile And can no maner thinge ⟨20⟩ sey or shewe against yow Whereby ye ought to be chargid with annythinge by you ⟨21⟩ supposid to be donne against us contrary to your ligeaunce And therfore all excusaciouns [*sic*] ⟨22⟩ and surmyses by wey of Appele or otherwise made or shewid against yowe uttrily ⟨23⟩ set aparte We take and Repute yow as oure true feithfull and obeisaunt subgiette ⟨24⟩ And be and wolbe unto you for youre trouthe and good hert heretofore shewid unto us ⟨25⟩ very good and gracious souveraign lorde in al youre Resonable Sutis whiche ye or enny ⟨26⟩ other for yewe shall make unto us herafter Yovin under oure signet at oure Castell ⟨27⟩ of Wyndesore the first day of Aprille ⟨28⟩

To oure Trusty and Welbelovid John Skryven Shyref of oure Toune of Bristowe ⟨29⟩
Bi the Kinge

Trusty and Welbelovid We grete yow well and where as ye of late
Fo. 310 (*b*) Tyme ⟨30⟩ have sent unto us bi oure Commaundement one John Wilkyns to thentent that we ⟨1⟩ mighte understande and knowe whate he coude sey or shewe against oure trusty and ⟨2⟩ welbelovid William Spencer Maire of oure toune of Bristowe upon thappele of Thomas ⟨3⟩ Norton Squier We late yow wite he hath bene afore us and oure Counceille And can ⟨4⟩ no maner thinge say or shewe against the saide William whereby he ought to be chargid ⟨5⟩ with anny thinge bi him supposid to be donne against us contrary to his ligeaunce and ⟨6⟩ therfore all accusaciouns and surmyses bi wey of appele or othirwise made or shewid ⟨7⟩ against him uttirly set a parte We take and Repute the same William Spencer as ⟨8⟩ oure true feithfull and obeisaunt subgiette And be and wolbe unto him for his trouth ⟨9⟩ and gode hert hertofore shewed unto us verray good and gracious souveraigne lorde ⟨10⟩ in all his Resonable sutes whiche he shal make unto us hereafter And wil therfore ⟨11⟩ that duringe the tyme and seasoune of his mairaltee there ye and all other oure true ⟨12⟩ subgiettis within oure saide Toune yeve unto him due obediences aides and assistences ⟨13⟩ in every behalve as it shal of Right apperteigne Latinge you wete that we nowe sende the ⟨14⟩ saide John Wilkyns ayen unto you to thentent that ye may suyrely kepe him in youre warde ⟨15⟩ unto the tyme he be deliverid accordinge to oure lawes Yovin undre oure Signet at oure ⟨16⟩ Castell of Wyndsore the first Day of Aprille ⟨17⟩

To oure trusty and welbelovid the Maire Shreef of oure toune of Bristowe and to everiche of them ⟨18⟩
Bi the Kinge

Trusty and welbelovid we grete you wele And for asmoche as we undrestonde bi reporte ⟨19⟩ made unto us that diverse grete Inconvenyences have heretofore happyn within oure Toune ⟨20⟩ of Bristowe bi yevinge and receyveng of lyvereys and other cognisaunces contrary to the ⟨21⟩ statute bi oure lawes in suche cace purveyed And that also diverse other misrewlid persones ⟨22⟩ callinge them silf oure servauntis have there made severell embracinges quarellis and other un-⟨23⟩-lawfull behavynges to the grete inquietacion and distourbaunce of our trewe liege people

⟨24⟩ there We therfore will and straitely charge you that ye in oure name Do make opin ⟨25⟩ proclamacion within oure saide Toune that no maner of parson whatesoever he be hereafter ⟨26⟩ yeve or Receive anny lyverey or other cognisaunces or make enny manner of retendours[1] ⟨27⟩ contrary to the saide statute upon the payne of forfeture of all that they may forfet ⟨28⟩ unto us by Reason of the same And if anny man will disobey this oure commaundement ⟨29⟩ and attempte the contrary therof We charge yow that ye than withoute delay sue ⟨30⟩ him upon the same statute accordinge to the due processe of oure lawes And over this we ⟨31⟩ charge yow that if enny person be he oure servaunte or other hereafter within oure saide toune ⟨32⟩ do or attempte anny thing contrary to oure peace and lawes that ye than procede unto his ⟨33⟩ laufull punycion according to the statutes and laudable customes there Not failyng ⟨34⟩ so to do as ye will do us pleasure And eschewe the contrary Yovin undre oure signet ⟨25⟩ at oure
Fo. 311 (a) Castell of Wyndesore the first day of Aprille ⟨1⟩

And when the saide Thomas Norton sighe[2] that he might ne coude not opteigne in his ⟨2⟩ maliciouse fals appele forsaide for asmoche as it was understande bi the Kinges good grace ⟨3⟩ and all the lordes of his honourable Counceill that he coude not shewe ne ley no mater ⟨4⟩ of trouth ne of substaunce against the saide Maire in maynteigneng his forsaide cursid ⟨5⟩ and malicious purpose Then he contrived fals froward and senestre billes of compleynt ⟨6⟩ presented to the Kinges good grace upon the saide Maire The tenoure of one of the saide ⟨7⟩ billes is this folouyng ⟨8⟩

To the King oure Souveraign lorde

Shewith mekely unto youre highnes youre true and feithfull servaunte Thomas ⟨9⟩ Norton Customer of the Port of Youre Towne of Bristowe that where William ⟨10⟩ Spencer nowe being Maire of the saide toune upon tithinges and comforte late sent ⟨11⟩ unto him of his deliveraunce he upon boldenes thereof willinge to advenge his olde ⟨12⟩ malice long tyme contynued upon youre servauntes and other youre poore lovers there hath ⟨13⟩ without enny entent of Justice onely of his malice by misusid auctoritee of his Office ⟨14⟩ causid as well youre saide Servaunte Thomas Norton as the saide youre lovers there to ⟨15⟩ be enditid of Reteignours

[1] i.e. 'retainers'
[2] i.e. 'seeing' or 'realising'

Natwithstondinge that long tyme before in the presence of ⟨16⟩ John Shipward then beinge Maire there the Recordere and the saide William ⟨17⟩ Spencer with diverse other his brethern The same personnes whiche now be Indi-⟨18⟩-ted bi the speciall laboure and counceile of the saide William were then examyned sodenly[1] ⟨19⟩ severally and secretly of the same at the whiche tyme it was plainly proved and founde bi ⟨20⟩ that examinacioun that all suche promise as they had made with me was no Reteignour ⟨21⟩ but Rightfull playn and laufull dealinge for whiche they were then and there clerely ⟨22⟩ dismissid ⟨23⟩

Item where that youre saide Servaunte beside the comyn serche assigned to the havyn ⟨24⟩ there of his propre mocion and trusty dispositioun had ordeignid two men to serche and ⟨25⟩ awaite upon al maner of Cloth caried by londe oute of youre saide porte to other of youre ⟨26⟩ portes uncustumed accordinge to youre estatute made and provided for the same Whiche ⟨27⟩ nevir was executid before his tyme in Office there Whereby youre highnes had yerely ⟨28⟩ grete losse to whiche two men youre said Officer of his oune coste and charge gave every ⟨29⟩ yere two gownes for theire wagis and promise of better rewarde after theire deservyng ⟨30⟩ they bothe executinge theire saide Office seasid IX clothis of this Maire whiche were ⟨31⟩ secretly conveied Oute of youre saide porte uncustumed and forfaitid by Reason of the ⟨32⟩ saide Estatute whereuppon for cause that youre saide Customer Refusid an hoggished ⟨33⟩ of wyne profferid to him by wey of Bribery by the saide Maire to concele that ⟨34⟩

Fo. 311 (*b*) Forfaite he toke suche an inwarde malice again the saide two men that he beringe ⟨1⟩ theire true dealinges contrary to his untrewe appetite in mynde till this season that ⟨2⟩ he sittinge in his chayre of Auctoritee hath nowe maliciously endited bifore him silf ⟨3⟩ bothe youre saide Officer and the saide two men for the saide gownes as unlawfull ⟨4⟩ lyvereis given and Received And if enny persone other than the saide two men have ⟨5⟩ enny tyme received lyvery of youre saide servaunt' Officer in lesse then he had been in ⟨6⟩ the comyn serche there Youre saide servaunte besechith yowre justice and punyshment ⟨7⟩ accordinge to youre lawes ⟨8⟩
Item where as in youre porte the tydes of the see fallith bi course of kinde every houre ⟨9⟩ of the nighte aswell as in the day at whiche nighte seasouns the merchaunts secheth ⟨10⟩ with all theire Crafte

[2] i.e. 'suddenly'

and witte to conveye theire goodis uncustumed And that the ⟨11⟩ same season Maryners of diverse naciouns beinge of wilde and unresonable disposicon ⟨12⟩ be ofte tymes redy to convey to the helpe of the marchants And to quarell with ⟨13⟩ youre pore Officers serchers there Whereuppon they stonde in such jeopardie that ⟨14⟩ they darre not be trewe in theire office withoute supportacion of strong pouer at ⟨15⟩ theire nede Whiche hedirto by the Socoure of youre saide servaunte onely with the helpe of ⟨16⟩ suche as for love of youre good grace have been redy at all tymes to jouparte theire ⟨17⟩ bodies to assist him in all youre causis hath been let and withstande For whiche this ⟨18⟩ soubtyll Maire by thauctoritee of his Office with lawe misusid after his will and not ⟨19⟩ after Justice intendith to cause all suche as been true unto youre grace to fere and drede ⟨20⟩ to entermet assist or company with your saide Officer So that he him self shuld drede to ⟨21⟩ do that thinge in youre Office of custome or serche that might be agayn thappetite or ⟨22⟩ pleasure of the saide Maire in whiche oppynyon the Remenaunt merchaunts wolde plentuous-⟨23⟩-ly expende theire goodis to the perfourmyng of the same Wherfore by an Inquest of ⟨24⟩ merchaunts the same Maire hath endited youre saide Officer and othir for night wachyng ⟨25⟩ Item where the saide Maire coude finde no colourable matier whereuppon he might ⟨26⟩ have executid his malice again youre saide pore lovers in generaltee he understandinge of a ⟨27⟩ simple affray late in a night begonne within the fee of Seinte John by the baillyf of the ⟨28⟩ same upon one of youre poore lovers there In which it fortuned that every of them bothe ⟨29⟩ had a broken hedde and none other hurt doon The same Maire came the morowe after ⟨30⟩ with grete pouer in to the saide fee and there set oute of theire beddis as many as he knewe ⟨31⟩ youre lovers that were not party to that affray and them as felones halid to pryson and ⟨32⟩ so yet there kepith them And nowe hath all them maliciously endited of Rowtis and Riottis ⟨33⟩ Wherefore the premises graciously considered howe it is grounded all upon malice youre ⟨34⟩ saide servaunte besechith youre moost noble grace to provide by your high discrecion that he ⟨35⟩ will all youre saide pore true men whiche daily he wrongid and troubled by mis-⟨36⟩-usid auctorite of the saide Maire onely for youre cause may live dischargid of the said ⟨37⟩ malyce and in suyrtee to have lawes there not after will but Rightfully ministered ⟨38⟩ unto them in tyme comyng ⟨39⟩

Fo. 312 (*a*) And afterwards The said Recorder for diverse maters concernyng

Mi lorde Prince Rode ⟨1⟩ to the Kinge to Windesore where he percevid that the said Thomas Norton ceassid not of his ⟨2⟩ malice against the saide Maire but Contynueng therein had put a supplicacioun to the kinge ⟨3⟩ against him wherein and in all the premises the saide Recorder moved the Kinges highnes and ⟨4⟩ founde him Right good and graciouse lorde unto the saide Maire and to all the body of the saide ⟨5⟩ Toune and toke not in consideracioun the said compleynt nor the malicious disposicioun of the ⟨6⟩ saide Thomas Norton And over that willinge to have the saide grugges restinge bitwene ⟨7⟩ the saide Maire and the saide Thomas Norton to be appeasid Shewid his pleasure and his ⟨8⟩ mynde in that behalve to the saide Recorder And upon the same addressid his honourable lettres ⟨9⟩ to the saide Maire whiche lettres the saide Recordere brought unto the saide Maire and delivered them ⟨10⟩ unto him in the Counseill hous at Bristowe on Friday the XXI day of May Then next ensuyng ⟨11⟩ The tenoure of which lettres do folouyngly ensue ⟨12⟩

To oure Trusty and Right welbelovid William Spencer Maire of our toune of Bristowe ⟨13⟩

Bi the Kinge

Trusty and Right Welbelovid we grete yow wele And where heretofore upon suche accusa⟨14⟩ciouns as Thomas Norton of late hath made against yowe we have bi thadvyce of the lordis ⟨15⟩ of oure Counceille upon gode deliberacioun dismissid and clerely dischargid yow of the same ⟨16⟩ And have and do repute and take yow as oure true and feithfull subgiette and liegeman and ⟨17⟩ perfaitely Remembrid your contynued trouth sadde discrete and abeisaunt demeanyng in the ⟨18⟩ same matier Ascertayne yow that therfore we have yow in the more charitee and speciall favoure ⟨19⟩ of oure grace and for asmoche as we understonde thaggruges of either of youre parties have ⟨20⟩ of oure mere mocion taken in to oure handes thappesyng and accorde betwix you and him to be had ⟨21⟩ of the same and all discordes to sease and uttirly to be extincte whereof we have shewed ⟨22⟩ oure playne mynde and entent to oure Trusty and Welbelovid John Twynyho generall Attourney ⟨23⟩ to oure derrest sonne the Prince and youre Recorder for to set in oure name betwix yow and ⟨24⟩ the saide Thomas a finall direccioun and conclusion in the premises We therefore desire and ⟨25⟩ will yow that ye for youre parte be comformable to all suche weyes and meanes as youre saide ⟨26⟩

Recorder shal move and exhorte you to the same entent Certefieng you that we in like wise ⟨27⟩ have commaunded the saide Thomas to be applicable for the same and yef the saide Thomas ⟨28⟩ Norton Walter [*sic*] Holder or anny other by boldenesse or coloure of oure service fromhensforthe [*sic*] in ⟨29⟩ anny wise do attempte or Offende oure lawes or youre good and laudable customes and ordinaunces ⟨30⟩ made and usid within oure saide toune that ye or the Mayre that for the tyme hereafter shalbe ⟨31⟩ there do procede to theire laufull punycion withoute lette or delay Not doubtinge nor ⟨32⟩ dredinge anny favour of us to be shewid to the contrary And that as ye desire to do us ⟨33⟩ specyall pleasure and to advoide the contrary Yovin under oure signet at oure Castell of ⟨34⟩ Windesore the first Day of May

And it is to be remembrid that albeit the saide Maire was in every
Fo. 312 (*b*) poynt Right appliable ⟨36⟩ In his moost humble maner to accomplisshe the Kinges pleasire and Commaundement shewid unto ⟨1⟩ him by the saide Recorder after theffecte of the saide lettres and also though the saide Recorder ⟨2⟩ yave his due attendaunce to thentent he wolde asfer as he coude have executid the Kinges highe ⟨3⟩ Commaundement to him yevin in that behalf yet the said Thomas Norton drownid in presump-⟨4⟩-tuouse Obstynacy settinge aparte the Kinges commaundement yoven to him came not at Bristowe ⟨5⟩ from the saide XXI day of May unto the feste of Seinte Mighell tharchangell next foloung ⟨6⟩ Of whose disobbeisaunces And other mishavynges the saide Recorder enfourmyd the Kinges ⟨7⟩ grace at Estehamstede and it is like that convenyent Remedy will thereapon be purveyed ⟨8⟩

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Fo. 313 (*b*) Here foloweth a Remembraunce nevir to be putt in oblivion but to be ⟨1⟩ had in perpetuell memorie for a president and ensample Bristoll
to all persones ⟨2⟩ that here aftir shall be sklaunderosly and wrongfully noysed or spoken ⟨3⟩ of in their absens otherwyse than it wil or darre be spoken in their presence ⟨4⟩

Forasmoche as certeyn evil Disposid persones havyng their tonges more ⟨5⟩ Promptir to speke wikkydly and untruly than for to sey Trouth or speke eny-⟨6⟩-thyng touchyng vertue and equitee of

their prepensid malice nowe late ⟨7⟩ have grevously noysid and sklaunderid the worshipfull persone William Byrde ⟨8⟩ of Bristowe marchaunt to be a bonde man borne and of bond byrth by dis-⟨9⟩-cent of his Auncetries to be Natifis unto the Lorde de la Warre of a maner ⟨10⟩ of his within the Countie of Gloucester to the grete shamefull rebuke dis-⟨11⟩-honour and vilependie of the seide worshipfull man William Birde and of ⟨12⟩ all his issue alliaunce adherentes and lovers yf it kowde so have been ⟨13⟩ provid by the malice of the saide evil disposid persones Howe be it the contra-⟨14⟩-ry of the same is evidently knowen and undrestond for trouth thankid be God ⟨15⟩ by a suffycient worshipfull Testimonial of Recorde made and send to Bristow ⟨16⟩ in this behalve of certeyn kynnesmen lovers and frendes allied of the said ⟨17⟩ William Byrde Whiche lettre Testimoniall was opynly shewid and rede at ⟨18⟩ Bristowe by the Towne Clerk there in the Maires Countre the XVIII day of ⟨19⟩ Marche The XXII[ti] yere of the Noble reigne of our most drad souveraigne ⟨20⟩ lorde kyng Edward the Fourth byfore John Forster then beyng Maire ⟨21⟩ of the Towne of Bristowe and John Pynke Shiref of the same Town ⟨22⟩ William Spencer John Hawkes Robert Straunge John Bagod John Shipw-⟨23⟩-ard Edmond Westcorte William Wodyngton Herry Tracy Esquyer ⟨24⟩ John Walssh gentilman John Wykes gentilman John Swenycot gentil-⟨25⟩-man Harry Vaghan John Skryven John Powke William Toket John ⟨26⟩ Esterfeld Thomas Hexton Richard Sherman John Snygge Clement ⟨27⟩ Wiltshire Richard Bonde John Worswall John Druez with many othir ⟨28⟩ worshipfull persones at that tyme there beyng present The Tenour ⟨29⟩ of the whiche lettre Testimoniall is thus folowyng ⟨30⟩

To all true Christian people to Whom this present writing shall come to ⟨31⟩ be seen or undrestond Simon Mountfort Knyght William Berkley Squyer ⟨32⟩ William Byrmyngeham Squyer lorde of Byrmyngeham Robert Mountfort ⟨33⟩ Squyer Thomas Mountfort Squyer John Arther Squyer Nicholas ⟨34⟩ Broune Squyer George Stanley Squyer Rouland Stafford Squyer ⟨35⟩ Walter Arthern Squyer John Arthern Squyer Richard Middilmore Esquyier [*sic*] ⟨36⟩ William Holt Squyer Bawdewyn Porter Squyer John Greswolde ⟨37⟩ Squyer Thomas Warde Yoman of the Corone Thomas Patyngham Yoman ⟨38⟩ of the Corone David Madok yoman of the Corone Henry Este gentilman ⟨39⟩ Thomas Este gentilman John Joce gentilman Thomas Jeynkyns gentilman ⟨40⟩

Fo. 314 (*a*) Herry Chesshire Maister of the Gylde of Byrmyngeham aboveseid

Roger Pepwale ⟨1⟩ Bailyf of the seide Town Thomas Boteler of the same John Weoley of the same ⟨2⟩ Nicholas Sherman of the same Henry Venton of the same Richard Colmore of ⟨3⟩ the same Robert Colmore of the same Henry Newhay of the same John Copland ⟨4⟩ of the same Mathew Broune of the same Roger Rastell of the same Richard ⟨5⟩ Preest of the same Thomas Rolston of the same John Barbour of the same Thomas ⟨6⟩ Bernard of the same William Colhull of the same William Phelipp of the ⟨7⟩ same Henry Phelipp of the same Thomas Redhull of the same Humfrey Ship-⟨8⟩ley of the same Henry Shilton of the same John Byrde of the same William ⟨9⟩ Byrde of the same John Byrde of the same Milner Roger Byrde of the same ⟨10⟩ William Benet of the same John Flavell of the same Richard Smyth of the ⟨11⟩ same William Byrde of the Citee of Coventre Mylner Thomas Byrde of the ⟨12⟩ Cite of Worcestre Baker Thomas Lott of Yardeley in the Counte of Warwyk ⟨13⟩ Nicholas Cotrell of the same Walter Staunton of Egebarston in the seide ⟨14⟩ Countie Thomas Frodesham of the same John Sye of the same John Adene of ⟨15⟩ Berdesley in the forseid Countie Raulyn Broke of the same William Bogye of ⟨16⟩ the same John Michell of the same James Michell of the same John Turnour ⟨17⟩ of the same Senden greting in our all Savyour Jesu for asmoche as it is ⟨18⟩ medefull to every Christien man to witnesse trouth in every cause and matier beyng in ⟨19⟩ Ambiguyte to which every cristen creatur is bounden to thentent that the trouth ⟨20⟩ may be presently and openly knowen that causeth us to certifye unto you ⟨21⟩ Where as we aren credibly enfourmed by oon William Byrde Burgeis and ⟨22⟩ Merchant of Bristowe that certeyn persones empoysened with the venomes vice ⟨23⟩ of envye hath noysid and disclaundred the same William Byrde to be a bounde ⟨24⟩ man borne and of bounde lynage by all his aunceters of olde tyme past to ⟨25⟩ the Lorde de la Ware by a manour that the same lorde hath in Gloucestre shire ⟨26⟩ Not onely to his grete hurt and hynderaunce but also to the grete myscomford ⟨27⟩ of his frendes and Kynnesmen here in this Countrey yf it so myghte be proved ⟨28⟩ Wherof the contrary is true and that is openly knowen here blissid be god ⟨29⟩ In so moche as we undirstond for trouth that one Phelepott Byrde grauntfader ⟨30⟩ of the seide William Byrde was borne in the Town of Byrmyngeham aboveseid ⟨31⟩ In the reigne of Kyng Edward the IIIde And had a free place in the same town ⟨32⟩ of Byrmyngeham that Succedid to hym lynially be right[1] Enherytaunce of his ⟨33⟩ Auncetrees And for a

[1] '.right' *struck out.*

certeyn offence that the same Phelipott in his youth ⟨34⟩ dede in Byrmyngeham above reherced fledde oute of this Countrey and went ⟨35⟩ to a place in Gloucestre shire callid Birdleyp in Kynge Richard dayes the ⟨36⟩ IIde and there wedded a wyf by whome he had diverse children And ellys ⟨37⟩ the progenitours of the same Byrdes have contynued and been here in ⟨38⟩ Byrmyngeham aforesaid and in this Contray nygh' Byrmyngeham and ⟨39⟩ not in Gloucestre shire abovesaid tyme oute of mynde as Freemen and of ⟨40⟩ free Conditions borne And yf ony persone or persones wollen allege or say that ⟨41⟩ the same William Byrde or eny of his progenitours aboveseid been bounde ⟨42⟩ and not free we knowen veraly that by the due prove above rehersed ⟨43⟩ That by that allegeance or seyeng they offenden good conscience In witnesse ⟨44⟩ of the foreseid premises and everych of theym like as is above writen to be ⟨45⟩

Fo. 314 (*b*) good and true and not fayned We Simon Mountfort William Barkeley William ⟨2⟩ Byrmyngeham etc [*names as before*]
. . . afore named to these oure lettres ⟨16⟩ of Testimonialx the XVIth day of Decembre In the XXIti yere of the ⟨17⟩ Reigne of oure Souveraigne lorde King Edward the Fourth oure sealx have ⟨18⟩ putt ⟨19⟩

I. Wodard notarius publicus

The Xth day of the moneth of Marche in the yere of oure lorde God M^L^. IIII^C^ L XXXIIII William Wykeham ⟨20⟩ than maire of the towne of Bristowe John Swayn Shiref John Hemmyng and William Spycer than ⟨21⟩ Baillifs of the saide Towne the saide Maire Shiref and Baillifs called all theire brethern of the Commen ⟨22⟩ Counsaill of the saide Towne into the Counsaill hous there for dyvers matiers than and there to be moved and ⟨23⟩ commoned concernyng the Comen wele of the saide Towne In which common counsaill beyng plener ⟨24⟩ and full the day and yere afforesaid John Esterfeld and Richard Sherman openly shewed their diligent ⟨25⟩ laboure gode and effectuell spede in their sute made by the Comon assent of the saide Maire Shiref and ⟨26⟩ Common counsaill and at their speciall desire to the Kyng oure souveraigne lorde and to the noble lordes of his ⟨27⟩ discret counsaill for an abatement to be had of the somme of LXli yerely of the fee ferme of the said ⟨28⟩ Towne of Bristowe Of the which abatement of the said LX li yerely[1] thei than shewed the lettres patent of oure ⟨29⟩ saide

[1] above the line.

soveraigne Lorde by [1] them purchaced[1] with a boke of parcell of their costes and expenses had aboute the saide sute amounting ⟨30⟩ to the somme of LXXXV li or litle more Desiring and praying the saide Maire Shiref and their brethern ⟨31⟩ to provide theym soon payment of the saide costes and expenses Whereupon their diligence and true ⟨32⟩ acquitaill in this behalve considered it was than ordeyned and establisshed by all the hooll ⟨33⟩ hous that asmoche wodde perteynyng to the Maire and Comminaltee of the said Towne of Bristowe and ⟨34⟩ liying [*sic*] in the Comon halle called Spycers halle of the same Towne as wold extend to XXV li and ⟨35⟩ odd money of the saide somme shuld be solde and the money comyng of the sale thereof to be delivered ⟨36⟩ unto the saide John Esterfield and Richard Sherman in partie of payment of the saide costes and as for LX li ⟨37⟩ residues of the same costes the saide Maire and William Spenser Robert Straunge Edmond Westecote John ⟨38⟩ Forster and Henry Vaughan at the speciall desire of the saide common counsaill paid it to the saide John ⟨39⟩ Esterfield and Richard Sherman that is to wite everich of the saide Maire William Spenser Robert Straunge ⟨40⟩ Edmond John Forster and Henry Vaughan[1] paid therof[1] X li And for the more seurtee of repayment to be made ⟨41⟩ unto theym of the said LX li that is to say to everich of theym X li it is ordeyned and fully agreed by ⟨42⟩ the saide Maire Shiref Baillifs and comon Counsaill that from hensforth it shalbe leefull unto the saide ⟨43⟩

p. 315 (*a*) Maire William Spenser Robert Straunge Edmond Westecote John Forster and Henry Vaughan to take levy ⟨1⟩ recover receyve and have to theire propre use all dettes and duties due to the Chamber of Bristowe by ⟨2⟩ obligacion bill or promys and all the issues and profites of all the londes and tenementes late of Sir William ⟨3⟩ Canynges lying in Baldewynestrete and Seint Nicholas Strete of Bristowe And also the money that ⟨4⟩ shall growe of the said LX li yerely pardoned and abated by the Kyng That is to say everich of ⟨5⟩ theym to receyve pounde pounde like till the said LX li be so holly receyved And also that ⟨6⟩ during all that meane [?] season the saide Baillifs and their Successours shull pay unto the said Maire ⟨7⟩ William Spenser Robert Straunge Edmond Westecote John Forster and Henry Vaughan after the rate of ⟨8⟩ LX li by yere over and beside the fee ferme of the said Towne of Bristowe due unto the Kyng ⟨9⟩

[1] above the line.

Memorandum quod die mercurii VIII° die Mensis Februarii anno regni Regis Henrici Septimi post conquestum primo apud Bristolliam ⟨10⟩ venit coram Henrico Vaughan Maiore ville Bristollie Thomas Baker senior de villa predicta mercator in propria ⟨11⟩ persona sua et Mauncepit pro Johanne Freman Cive et Haberdassher Londonii [*sic*] quod ipse Johannes personaliter comparebit ⟨12⟩ coram Domino Rege in Cancellaria sua in octabis purificacionis beate marie tunc proximis sequentibus ad faciendum et subeundum quod ⟨13⟩ Curia ibidem de eo considerabit et quod idem Johannes Freman toto medio tempore illo fidelis sit prisonarius in custodia Willelmi ⟨14⟩ Wodeward Ballivi Itinerantis Ricardi Sherman vicecomitis Comitatus Bristollie ac a custodia eiusdem Ballivi Itinerantis interim non ⟨15⟩ recedet nec escapium faciet sed[1] predictum vicecomitem indempnum conservabit in hac parte[1] sub pena triginta librarum prefato vicecomiti ad opus suum proprium de ipso Thoma Baker ⟨16⟩ terris et catallis suis solvendarum et levandarum in casu quo predictus Johannes Freman recesserit escapium fecerit aut ⟨17⟩ non comparuerit in Curia predicta vel dictum vicecomitem indempnum non conservaverit modo et forma predictis ⟨18⟩

Memorandum quod die mercurii VIII° die mensis Februarii anno regni Regis Henrici Septimi post conquestum primo ⟨19⟩ apud Bristolliam venit coram Henrico Vaughan Maiore ville Bristollie Philippus Meryk de villa predicta Wever ⟨20⟩ in propria persona sua et mauncepit pro Johanne Freman Cive et haberdassher Londonii etc . . . ⟨21⟩

[exactly the same as the previous entry except that the sum is £23 15*s*. 4*d*.]

Fo. 315 (*b*) Be hit remembred that the Friday the XXVIth day of the Moneth of Septembre in the IIIIth yere ⟨1⟩ of the reign of Kyng Henry the VIIth come before John Esterfeld Maire and John Chestre Shiref of the Towne ⟨2⟩ of Bristowe atte Countour besyde the high Crosse there John Penke of the same Towne merchaunt Shewing ⟨3⟩ unto the same Maire and Shiref that where as the saide John Penke and Thomas Hexton of Bristowe ⟨4⟩ marchaunt atte specyall desire of William Bird late of Bristowe marchaunte become sourtees for the same ⟨5⟩ William Bird in his lyfe for the somme of C.li and od money to be paid to the said John Esterfeld

[1] above the line.

at dyvers ⟨6⟩ days of payment Alice Bird widowe late wyf of the said William Bird and executrice of his testament ⟨7⟩ the XVIIIth day of the moneth of January nowe last passed she than beyng in a Celer of hir mansion sette ⟨8⟩ uppon the Bakke of Avon of the saide Towne in the presence of William Spencer merchaunt Maister ⟨9⟩ John Thawytes Clerk John Wethynton yoman of the Crowne of oure soveraigne lorde afforsaide and John Grove ⟨10⟩ servaunt of the said William Spencer than also there beyng presente delyvered unto the saide John Penke XIII pipes ⟨11⟩ woode of the propre godes of the saide Alice to thentente to remayne in the handes of the same John Penke ⟨12⟩ as a plegge for his indempnitee of the said C li and od money that is to say that if he were not saved ⟨13⟩ therof harmelesse by the saide Alice at every day of the saide payment that than it shuld be lefull to the said ⟨14⟩ John Penke to reteyn in his propre handes as his propre godes as moche of the saide woode as would extend to ⟨15⟩ save him harmeless of and for every of the forsaide paymentes and for his costes and damages in that ⟨16⟩ behalve and that therupon the saide John Penke receyved the said XIII pipes woode than and ⟨17⟩ there in to his possession to the same entent And by the agrement of the said Alice in the presence ⟨18⟩ of the forsaid William Spencer Maister John Thwaytes John Wethynton and John Grove the ⟨19⟩ saide John Penke marked everiche of the saide XIII pipes woode with this mark ⌘ wherfore ⟨20⟩ lest all the premissis shuld be forgoten and passe out of mynde the saide John Penke ⟨21⟩ required the forsaide Maire and Shiref to cause the saide William Spencer Maister John ⟨22⟩ Thwaytes John Wethynton and John Grove to come before the saide Maire and Shiref ⟨23⟩ and the same William Spenser Maister John Thwaytes John Wethynton and John Grove to examyne ⟨24⟩ by their othes at and upon the premises and their disposicions in that behalve to cause to be entred ⟨25⟩ of recorde The whiche William Spencer Maistir John Thwaytes John Wethynton and John ⟨26⟩ Grove afterwardes examyned therupon by the said Maire and Shiref deposed by their othes upon ⟨27⟩ the Holy Evangeliste of God that all thinges by the forsaide John Penk before shewed been good ⟨28⟩ and true And that they were present and sawe theym doon in maner and forme affore expressed ⟨29⟩ and morover thei sey that the saide John Penke delyvered the saide XIII pipes woode to the saide ⟨30⟩ Alice of trust to kepe to his use and to delyver theym unto him to thentente aboveseide when so ⟨31⟩ ever she were therto by him or any other in his name required ⟨32⟩

Memorandum that the XXIIth day of the Moneth of January in the IIIIth yere of the reigne of Kyng ⟨33⟩ Henry the VIIth John Penke afore named than Maire of Bristowe and Clement Wilteshire than Shiref ⟨34⟩ Come in to the said Celer by the assent and agrement of the foresaide Alice the saide Maire ⟨35⟩ and Shiref William[1] Spenser[1] and also Thomas Hexton abovenamed and Thomas Harding Towne Clerke ⟨36⟩ of Bristowe the forsaide Alice and the forsaide John Wethynton than and there also beyng presente ⟨37⟩ at which tyme the saide John Penke there desired to have sight of the saide XIII pipes ⟨38⟩ woodde because he stode still charged to the saide John Esterfelde for the forsaide C li etc ⟨39⟩ and for asmuche as the said Alice than and there confessed that 11 pipes of the saide ⟨40⟩ woodde were by hir sufferaunce solde and delyvered oute of saide celer Therfore the ⟨41⟩ saide John Penke Maire by the agrement of the saide Alice than and there caused 11 other ⟨42⟩ pipes of woodde than liyng in the saide Celer to be marked with the saide marke of the same ⟨43⟩ John Penke and therupon the forsaide Alice than and there in the presence of all the saide persones ⟨44⟩ delyvered unto the same John Penke Maire XI pipes Woodde of the said XIII pipes woodde and ⟨45⟩ also the forsaide 11 pipes woodde newe marked to remayne in his handes as a plegge for ⟨46⟩ his seurte for his indempnitee in maner and fourme abovesaide And to the same entente ⟨47⟩ the forsaid John Penke Maire by the assente of the saide Alice firthwith[1] caused an hanging lokke to be sette ⟨48⟩ upon the dore of the saide Celer ⟨49⟩

Fo. 316 (*a*) To the Right Wurshipfull Maister Maire of Bristowe And to all my Maisters aldremen of the same

Right worshypfull Mayster Mayre and to all my maystres Aldremen of the Towne of Bristow Whereas ⟨1⟩ Wynsmore the goldsmyth of that youre forsayde towne doth saye that I Richard Worley have barganyd and occupyde with ⟨2⟩ Wyllyam Appowell of the same Towne to by and make exchaynge chalesys for sylke and other haberdache were [*sic*] I thefore ⟨3⟩ sayd Wyrley do certefye you Mayster Mayre with all my maystyrs of the Towne afforesaid that I the foresayd Rychard ⟨4⟩ Worley dyd never occupy ne bargayne with the foreseyd Wyllyam Appowell for chales falsly for chales [*sic*] nor ennythyng that belongyth ⟨5⟩ to felonye days

[1] above the line.

[*sic*] of my lyfe ne with eny man in your foresayd towne of Bristowe ne save only with the seyd goldsmith of the same ⟨6⟩ towne the wych I have and wyl justyfye byfore the Kynges honorabyl counsell and thys sal youe prove the trowne [?] to ⟨7⟩ hys grete Rebuke and shame that doyth saye the contrary in vyrtue hereof I the sayd Rychard Wyrley have ⟨9⟩ wryte thys byll with my owne hande and subscrybyd my name

per me Richardum Worley
Prysbyterum

Fo. 316 (*b*) In the name of God Amen In a Comon Counsaill holden in the Yeldhall of the Towne of Bristowe in the ⟨1⟩ Counsailhous ther the Vth day of the moneth of Octobre In the VIIIth yere of the reign of Kyng Henry ⟨2⟩ the VIIth Clement Wilteshire than being Maire of the saide Towne John Dreux Shiref John Popley and ⟨3⟩ Roger Dawes then Baillifs of the saide Towne the right worshipfull William Spenser merchaunte of the ⟨4⟩ saide Towne remembring the greate chargies that the Maire and Baillifs of the same Towne yerely bere in their ⟨5⟩ offices gaf' and grauntid unto the Maire and Cominaltie of Bristowe afforsaid the summe of LXXXVII li VIs ⟨6⟩ VIIId of laufull money of England To have unto the same Maire and Comminaltie and to their successours ⟨7⟩ for evermore to thentente herafter folowing that is to say that the saide nowe maire shall have and ⟨8⟩ occupie XX^{ti}li of the saide summe to[1] his propre use[1] unto the vigill of Saint Michaell tharchaungell nowe next comyn and ⟨9⟩ that the same Maire shall by his obligacion sufficient in lawe bynde hym self unto Henry Dale Marchaunt ⟨10⟩ Chambrelayn of Bristowe in XL marcs sterlinges to be paide in the said vigill of Saint Michaell next comyn ⟨11⟩ upon condicion to pay to the same Chambrelayn the saide XXli in the vigill afforeheerced ⟨12⟩

Also that the Chambrelayn of the said Towne for the tyme being in the same vigill shall recyve of ⟨13⟩ the saide nowe Maire the same XXli And delyver unto him the said obligacion to be cancelled and ⟨14⟩ therupon do make another obligacion for the successour of the said nowe maire to be bounde unto the same ⟨15⟩ Chambrelayn in XL marcs paiable in the vigill of Saint Michaell than next ensuyng under like condicion ⟨16⟩ and in the saide day of Saint Michaell than next folowing the saide Chambrelayn

[1] above the line.

havyng the said ⟨17⟩ obligacion in his keping redy sealled and delyvered for the dede of the said successour maire shall in the ⟨18⟩ presence of the maire and Comminaltie of Bristowe afforsaid for the tyme being delyver unto the newe Maire ⟨19⟩ after his othe aken in the said Yeldhall the forsaid XXli ⟨20⟩

Firthermore that the said nowe Baillifs shull have and occupie LXVII li VIs VIIId residue of the saide ⟨21⟩ summe unto the said vigill of Saint Michaell next comyng and that the same Baillifs by their obligacion ⟨22⟩ sufficient in lawe shull bynde theym and either of theym by hym for all and in the hoole unto the ⟨23⟩ said nowe Chambrelayn in Cli of laufull money of England paiable in the said vigill of saint ⟨24⟩ Michaell nowe next comyng under condicion upon the same obligacion to be endorced to pay than the ⟨25⟩ saide LXVII li VIs VIIId ⟨26⟩

And over that the said Baillifs shull pay unto Sir John Edwardes Chapellayn of the Chapell ⟨27⟩ of Saint George of Bristowe wekely that is to say on Saturday every weke fro this day unto the said ⟨28⟩ vigill of Saint Michaell next comyng 11 s by the said Chapellayn to be distributed amonge pour people ⟨29⟩ in maner and fourme under writen ⟨30⟩

Also that the said Chambrelayn in the said vigill of Saint Michaell next comyng shall receyve of ⟨31⟩ the said Baillifs the forsaid LXVII li VIs VIIId and delyver unto theym their obligacion of C li to ⟨32⟩ be cancelled and therupon do to be made another obligacion for thos persones that shalbe Baillifs ⟨33⟩ of the said Towne the yere then next suying to be bounde unto the same Chambrelayn in C li ⟨34⟩ paiable in the vigill of Saint Michaell than next folowing under like condicion and on the ⟨35⟩ day of Saint Michaell next comyng the said Chambrelayn havyng the said obligacion of his ⟨36⟩ C. li in his keping sealled and delyvred by theym as their dedes shall delyver to theym in the ⟨37⟩ said Yeldhall immediately after the newe Maires othe taken there and in his presence and bifore ⟨38⟩ all his brethern and the Commens of the saide Towne the forsaid LXVII li VIs VIIId Also that ⟨39⟩ the same persones that so shalbe Baillifs shall pay unto the said Chappalayn of the same Chapell ⟨40⟩ of Saint George for the tyme being IIs wekely to be distributed by hym amonge poure people ⟨41⟩ in maner and fourme herafter specified ⟨42⟩

Fo. 317 (*a*) Also that the said nowe maire and his successours yerely from hensforth for ever in the day of Saint Michaell ⟨1⟩ shall shewe unto his brethern and to the Commens of the saide Town atte tyme of

their assemble in the said yeldhall ⟨2⟩ when the Maires othe[1] shalbe taken there the goode and charitable entente of the forsaid William Spenser in the premisess ⟨3⟩ and yerely upon the morow of Saint Michaell the said maire and his successours shall cause the said 11 obligacions ⟨4⟩ to be putte into the Coffer called Barstaples coffer there to remayn under sauf and sure keping till the vigill ⟨5⟩ of Saint Michaell than next suyng and than to be taken oute of the saide coffer and delivered unto the ⟨6⟩ Maire and Baillifs that have been in the yere than passed Upon their payment made of the said ⟨7⟩ summes in fourme afforeherced and that this entent of the said William Spenser be well and truly observed ⟨9⟩ and kept from hensforth for evermore

Here foloweth thordynaunce of the said William Spenser shewing his entent under what fourme he woll the said IIs wekely to be distributed by the said Chappelayn shalbe paide and disposed and to what persones

First he ordeyneth that the said Chapellayn and every other that shalbe Chapellayn of the said ⟨10⟩ Chapell herafter shall wekely on the Saturday ask and receyve of the Baillifs of the forsaid Towne ⟨11⟩ for the tyme being IIs and the same IIs so receyved he shall distribute the same day unto XII pour ⟨12⟩ persones well disposed of English nacion that have been housholders in the said Towne and lyve of ⟨13⟩ almesse in the Almeshous late bielded by the said William Spenser in Luwensmede of the saide Towne ⟨14⟩ with the goodes of William Canynges late of Bristowe merchaunte paying unto every of the said ⟨15⟩ XII persones IId wikely ⟨16⟩

Also asoften as ther shall happen any of the said pour folk to decesse or to be mysgoverned and ⟨17⟩ wull not be[2] refourmed by the said Chapellayn for the tyme being than the said Chapellayn ⟨18⟩ by thadvise of the said William Spenser during his lyf and afterwarde by thadvise of the Maire of ⟨19⟩ Bristowe for the tyme being shall put another persone Englissh in the place of the persone so decessing of ⟨20⟩ mysgoverned and that asoften and when as suche case shall fortune for evermore ⟨21⟩

And also if it fortune for lak of the nombre of pour people being in

[1] above the line.
[2] " Ruled " *struck out.*

the said Almeshous any parte ⟨22⟩ of the said IIs wekely to remayn in the handes of the said Chapellayn undistributed or not disposed ⟨23⟩ than the same money so remayning undisposed shalbe kept in his handes toward the reparacion of ⟨24⟩ the said Almeshous and disposed by the said Chappellayn in reparacion of the same hous by thadvise ⟨25⟩ of the said William Spenser during his lyfe and afterward by thadvise of the Maire of Bristowe ⟨26⟩ for the tyme being asofte and whan as nede shalbe Of the whiche money and reparacions the ⟨27⟩ said Chapellayn for the tyme being shal yeld true accompte unto the said Maire at suche tymes ⟨28⟩ as the said Maire shall appointe in that behalf and this ordynaunce to be kept for evermore ⟨29⟩

Nos P. G. de Bristollia G et T. K. de eadem Bristollia teneri etc H.D. Camerario ville predicte in C li sterlingorum ⟨£0⟩ solvendis in Vigilia Sancti Michaelis Archiepiscopi proxima etc ⟨31⟩

Condicio istius obligacionis talis est quod si prefati P.G. et T. K. Solvant seu solvi faciant aut eorum alter solvat vel ⟨32⟩ solvi faciat prefato H aut suo certo attornato heredibus vel executoribus die Sabbati proximo futuro duos solidos ac die Sabbati ⟨33⟩ tunc proximo futuro duos solidos post datam predictam Et sic deinceps de die Sabbati in diem Sabbati et septimana in ⟨34⟩ septimanam quolibet die Sabbati tunc proximo sequenti duos solidos ac centum et quatuor solidos integre sic solvantur ⟨35⟩ Necnon in predicta vigilia Sancti Michaelis Archiepiscopi proximo futuro sexaginta et septem libras sex solidos et octo denarios quod tunc etc ⟨36⟩

Fo. 317 (*a*) Omnibus Christi fidelibus ad quos presens Scriptum tripartitum indentatum pervenerit Willelmus Spenser de ⟨1⟩ villa Bristollie mercator salutem in domino sempiternam Sciatis me prefatum Willelmum Spenser cupientem divini ⟨2⟩ cultus augmentum dedisse concessisse et hoc presenti scripto meo confirmasse Johanni Esterfeld Johanni Penke Johanni ⟨3⟩ Dreux Johanni Jay Georgio Monoux Johanni Fuystour Davido Philip Johanni Popley Willelmo Esteby et Johanni Hovyngham ⟨4⟩ totum mesuagium meum cum suis pertinencibus universis jacens super Baccam Abone in parochia Sancti Nicholai in Warda Omnium Sanctorum ⟨5⟩ Bristoll' videlicet inter mesuagium spectans Decano et Capitulo ecclesie Collegiate de Westebury super Trym in Comitatu ⟨6⟩ Gloucestrie ex parte australi et unum mesuagium domini Lisle quod Thomas

Feoffamentu factum per Willelmum Spencer de mesuagio su Baccam Ab

Banner Hosyer modo inhabitat parcellumque ⟨7⟩ tenementi ipsius domini Lisle modo in tenura Thome Dolly Corvisour ac unum tenementum domini Cobham in quo ⟨8⟩ Patricius Cole mercato modo manet et duo tenementa spectantia Capelle Sancti Johannis Evangeliste super Baccam ⟨9⟩ predictam situata que Johannes Whyte et Johannes Avys Peawtrers Seperaliter tenent ex parte boriali Et extendit se ⟨10⟩ in longitudine a communi aula Bristollie vocata Spycers hall versus Occidentem usque ad Baccam predictam versus Orientem ⟨11⟩ quod quidem mesuagium cum suis pertinenciis valet per annum in omnibus exitibus suis ultra reprisalia quatuor libras legalis monete ⟨12⟩ Anglie ad presens Habendum et tenendum supradictum mesuagium cum omnibus suis pertinenciis predictis Johanni Esterfeld Johanni Penke ⟨13⟩ Johanni Dreux Johanni Jay Georgio Monoux Johanni Fuystour Davido Philip Johanni Popley Willelmo Esterby et Johanni ⟨14⟩ Hovyngham heredibus et assignatis eorum De Capitalibus Dominis etc . . . Sub⟨15⟩tali tamen condicione quod ipsi Johannis Esterfeld Johannes Penke etc [as before] ⟨16⟩ heredes et assignati sui singulis ⟨17⟩ annis imperpetuum de exitibus et proficuis dicti mesuagii cum pertinenciis inveniant sive conducant tres presbiteros in Sacra ⟨18⟩ Theologia competenter instructos ad predicand' verbum dei in ecclesia parochiali beate marie de Redclyf Bristollie sive ⟨19⟩ in cimitorio dicte ecclesie coram Maiorem et Communitatem predicte ville Bristollie pro tempore existentes alisque Christicolis illuc ob ⟨20⟩ devocionis sive erudicionis Causa confluentibus feriis subsequentibus videlicet secunda tertia et quarta ebdomede ⟨21⟩ Pentecostes Solvantque inde annuatim denariorum summas subscriptas scilicet cuilibet presbitero dictorum trium presbiterorum ⟨22⟩ sic predicancium pro studio labore et diligencia suis in hac parte sex solidos et octo denarios necnon Maiori ville ⟨23⟩ predicte pro tempore existenti pro refectione dictorum trium Capellanorum seperatim in prandiis ad mensam eiusdem Maioris ⟨24⟩ tribus diebus predictis tres[1] solidos et quatuor denarios ac aquebaculo dicte ecclesie qui pro tempore fuerit pro pulsacione campanarum eiusdem ecclesie tribus diebus predictis[1] sex denarios et Custodi pixidis beate Marie in eadem ecclesia pro tempore existenti pro labore suo ⟨25⟩ in adductione et reductione Cathedrarum formularum stabellorum et pulvinar'[2] per ipsum Custodem pro Maiore et vicecomite dicte ⟨26⟩ ville Bristollie ac aliis probis hominibus de communi Consilio eiusdem ville necnon Gladifero

[1] These words written in margin.
[2] i.e. 'Cushions.

ville illius pro tempore existenti ⟨27⟩ coram pulpite ibidem adducend' sex denarios sterlingorum quodque ipsi Johannes Esterfeld Johannes Penke etc . . . ⟨28⟩ . . . et heredes sui annuatim de dictis exitibus et proficuis predicti mesuagii solvant Camerario ville Bristollie predicte ⟨30⟩ pro tempore existenti[1] ( ) solidos ad communem utilitatem eiusdem ville inde juxta ordinacionem Maioris vicecomitis et proborum ⟨31⟩ hominum communis Consilii eiusdem ville pro tempore existencium disponendos acetiam priori et fratribus Domus Kalendarum ⟨32⟩ Bristollie de quieto redditu sibi debito et de dicto mesuagio annuatim exeunti duos solidos ac priorisse et Conventui domus Monialium Sancte Marie Magdalene Bristollie predicte quatuor solidos de quieto redditu sibi debito et annuatim exeunti de codem mesuagio Et quod totum ⟨33⟩ residuum exituum et preficuorum predictorum ultra solutiones et onera predict' resultans ponatur annuatim in una cista per predictos Maiorem et ⟨34⟩ Communitatem ad hoc ordinanda sub arta custodia dicti maioris et dictorum proborum hominum Communis Consilii ville supradicte ⟨35⟩ custodiendum ad usum reperacionis sive renovacionis mesuagii supradicti et non ad ullum alium usum convertendum ⟨36⟩ Sciant insuper presentes et futuri me prefatum Willelmum Spenser [here follows a provision in the usual form appointing Thomas Harding common clerk and John Morys common attorney his attornies to deliver seisin] In cuius rei testimonium cuilibet parti huius scripti mei tripartiti indentati ⟨44⟩ ego dictus Willelmus Spenser sigillum meum apposui Et quia idem sigillum meum quampluribus est incognitum Ideo ⟨45⟩ Sigillum officii Maioratus presentibus apponi procuravi Henrico Vaughan tunc Maiore ville ⟨46⟩[2]

Bristollie predicte Phillipo Ryngstone tunc vicecomite Phillipo Grene et Thoma Keynes tunc ballivis eiusdem ville Hiis testibus Roberto Straunge ⟨47⟩ Willelmo Towker Thoma Yonge Johanne Snyg Johanne Mede et multis aliis Dat' ⟨48⟩ vicesimo nono die mensis Novembris anno regni Regis Henrici Septimi post conquestum Anglie Nono ⟨49⟩

Fo. 317 (*b*) (i) Be it Knowen to all men that be nowe present and to come that Where as John Michell of Calston in ⟨1⟩ the Countie of Wiltes John Goldenay of Chippenham in the same Countie Gentleman John Jay and ⟨2⟩ John Popley of Bristowe merchaunts nowe late recovered ayenst John Bagod late of Bristowe Esquyer ⟨3⟩ and

A declaracio of the wille John Bagod

[1] *Blank space before* " solidos ".
[2] There is an obvious omission here.

Elizabeth his wif in the Kynges Courte at Westmynster bifore the justices of the comyn place ⟨4⟩ by vertue of a writte of entree sur disseisyn in the post IIII meses with Celars and solars and other theire ⟨5⟩ appurtenaunces sette in Gropelane in the parisshe of Seynt John Baptist in the Warde of Trinitee of ⟨6⟩ Bristowe as by the Recorde therof made more playnly it doth appere by force Wherof the said John ⟨7⟩ Michell John Goldenay John Jay and John Popelay into the said meses with thappurtenaunces ⟨8⟩ as is beforesaid entred and therof were seased in theire demesne as of fee to the use of the said John ⟨9⟩ Bagod and of his heirs and so being seased at the speciall request of the said John Bagod the said ⟨10⟩ John Michell John Goldenay John Jay and John Popelay by theire dede baring date the Vth day of ⟨11⟩ the moneth of Marche the IX yere of the reigne of Kyng Henry the VIIth have taken and dimisid to the ⟨12⟩ forsaid John Bagod and Elizabeth the said meses with thappurtenaunces as is abovesaid to have ⟨13⟩ to theym for terme of theire lyves without impechemente of waste the remayndre therof after theire ⟨14⟩ decease to John Esterfild John Druex John Walssh George Monoux Richard Vaughan John Fuyster ⟨15⟩ and David Phillipes and to theire heirs and assignes forevermore as by the said dede more playnly doth ⟨16⟩ appere The will and entente of the said John Bagod was and is that yerely immediatly after the ⟨17⟩ decease of him and of the said Elizabeth the said John Esterfeld and other grauntees of the said ⟨18⟩ remayndre theire heires or assignes shall cause an Obite to be kepte and holden yerely for ever the XIIth ⟨19⟩ day of May in the Chapell of thassumpcion of oure blissed lady Seint Mary upon the Brigge of ⟨20⟩ Bristowe afforesaid by IIII Prestes and II Clerkes solemply by note that is to say the nyght before Placebo ⟨21⟩ and dirige and the said XIIth day masse of Requiem praing in the same openly and specially by name for the ⟨22⟩ soules of the said John Bagod and Elizabeth his wif Clement Bagod and Alice his wif Robert ⟨23⟩ Russell and Elizabeth his wif and for all cristen soules and the same XIIth day the said John Esterfeld ⟨24⟩ and other his graunties affore named theire heirs or assigneis shall yerely the said XIIth day geve and ⟨25⟩ distribute or cause to be geve and distributed in almes for the soules beforesaid to the Prisoners of Newegate ⟨26⟩ and other poure and nedy people after theire discression asmoch bredde as shalbe of the value of XLd of the ⟨27⟩ issues and profits growen of the said meses And the residue of all rentes issues and profits that shall come ⟨28⟩ or growe of the said meses with thappurtenaunce above the said obite in fourme

biforesaid kepte and the ⟨29⟩ said Almes distributed to remayne and be to thuse and behoof' of the maire of the Towne of Bristowe ⟨30⟩ and of his bretherne and Also that every Maire that shalbe after the decesse of the said John and Elizabeth ⟨31⟩ at suche tyme as he shall take his solempne Othe in the Guyhald of the said Towne shall swere ⟨32⟩ among other thinges that he shall see the said will to be duly and truly executed and perfourmed duryng ⟨33⟩ the tyme that he shalbe Maire And also to se that the III Prestes which be ordeyned and be atte ⟨34⟩ exhibicion of the Maire and his Brethren in Bristowe afforesaid shall specially pray for the Soules ⟨35⟩ abovesaid as they do for other of their benefactours ⟨36⟩

Fo. 317 (*b*) (ii) *to* 318 (*b*) Memorandum that on the 22nd October 1541 Nicholas Poyntz knight appeared before Roger Coke mayor and John Collys Common Clerk and sought that the following Indenture should be enrolled:

DATE 12th February 1541

PARTIES

(1) Sir Nichoas Poyntz of Iron Acton Gloucester son of Sir Anthony Poyntz

(2) Richard Watley of Bristol Brewer.

PARCELS Bargain and sale by (1) to (2) of

(*a*) a Tenement in Saint Mary Street between the Churchyard of St. Mary Porte and a tenement belonging to Rowland Cowper Tailor and extending from the highway backwards to one of the tenements thereafter mentioned and occupied by Roger Corvesour at a rent of 20/–

(*b*) Two small tenements adjoining the last named in the Churchyard of St. Mary Porte one being in the occupation of John Foulkes at a rent of 6/8d and the other of Roger Corvesour as above.

(*c*) A tenement adjoining the Churchyard in St. Mary Porte Street occupied by John Cooke at a rent of 20/–

(*d*) A tenement in Corn Street let to Richard Langston at a yearly rent of 14/8d lying between a tenement belonging to the Prior of the Kalendars and a way leading to a hostelry called The Newend and extending backwards from the highway to a tenement belonging to Margery Curteys widow

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(*e*) Four Sellars of the yearly value of 31/8d in a street called The Throwe House in the parish of St. Mary Porte and lying between a tenement belonging to John Coke and a tenement belonging to Richard Hooper

(*f*) All documents of title

COVENANTS BY SIR NICHOLAS POYNTZ

(*a*) To deliver documents of title

(*b*) To make a good sure sufficient and indefeasable estate in fee simple to Richard Watley or his nominee before the feast of St. Michael whether by fine with proclamation with warranty, feoffment with warranty, Release with warranty, Recovery with voucher or otherwise as should be advised by counsel and at the cost of Richard Watley The estate to be free from incumbrances

(*c*) For further assurance for the space of three years

(*d*) For title and good right to convey

(*e*) For quiet enjoyment

(*f*) For reimbursement in respect of any tenement from which the purchaser should be ousted without fraud or collusion

PURCHASE PRICE £49 sterling paid before sealing of deed (receipt of which was acknowledged) by the parties.

SEALED by the parties

Fo. 318 (*b*) *to* 319 (*b*) Memorandum that on the 2nd July 1542 Robert Kaylewey gentleman appeared before Roger Coke mayor of Bristol and John Collys common clerk and requested that the following Indenture should be enrolled:

PARTIES

(1) Robert Kaylewey of Lyllynton beside Sherborne Dorset gentleman

(2) William Birwyn soapmaker of Bristol.

CONSIDERATION Bargain and sale of the tenements thereafter mentioned for £4 . 3 . 4

PARCELS

(*a*) Three tenements in Knyfesmyth Strete (otherwise Christmas Street) in the parish of St. Lawrence of which one lay between a tenement belonging to Thomas Silke cardmaker and

a tenement held by John Dale merchant and extended backwards from the street in front to a wall belonging to the Vendor and of which another (with a chamber in the forepart of the said street and above the shop and porch belonging to the Vendor) adjoined the first mentioned tenement and of which the third lay between the common wall of Bristol and a wall created by the Vendor in the above mentioned porch

(*b*) An orchard in the suburbs of Bristol lying between a garden belonging to the chapel of the Trinity at Laffordes Gate in the west and an orchard belonging to Nicholas Wudhowse tanner on the east and extending from a lane called 'horsechurcheyard' to a lane leading to 'Erlesmede'

HABENDUM Purchaser in fee simple

COVENANTS BY VENDOR

(*a*) good right to convey
(*b*) Further assurance as in last deed
(*c*) Free from incumbrances
(*d*) Delivery of muniments of title
(*e*) Quiet enjoyment

DATED 8th February 1542.

Fo. 319 (*b*) *to* 320 (*a*) MEMORANDUM that on the 2nd July 1542 Robert Kaylwey gentleman appeared before Roger Coke mayor of Bristol and John Collys common clerk and sought that the following Indenture should be enrolled:

DATE 7th February 1542

PARTIES

(1) Robert Kaylewey of Lillynton beside Sherborne in the county of Dorset gentleman
(2) Thomas Cradock Whytawer burgess of Bristol

PARCELS Bargain and sale of:

two messuages in Brodemede in the parish of St. James in the suburbs of Bristol lying between a tenement belonging to the parish church of St.Mary Redcliffe in which Nicholas

Marwud Whytawer dwelt on the east and a tenement belonging to the parish church of St. Nicholas in which Philipp Levy Whytawer dwelt on the west One of such messuages extended backwards to the River Frome and the other to premises then belonging to Anthony Bonham and previously to Philipp Halle gentleman

HABENDUM Thomas Cradock and his heirs to their use for ever

COVENANTS by Robert Kaylewey

(*a*) good right to convey
(*b*) To make a good and sufficient estate in fee simple to the purchaser and to do all such things as the purchaser or his counsel should require for such purpose but at the expense of the purchaser
(*c*) Free from incumbrances
(*d*) To deliver all documents of title
(*e*) Quiet enjoyment

CONSIDERATION

£20 sterling to be paid to the Vendor according to the terms of an obligation of even date with a proviso that if the purchaser should pay £7 . 10 . 0 at the date of sealing of present indenture and a further £7 . 10 . 0 on the ensuing feast of St. James the said liability to pay £20 should be discharged.

SEALED by both parties

Signature of the Vendor

Fo. 320 (*b*) *to* 321 (*a*) Will of William Wythiford of Bristol son and heir of Hugh Wythiford late burgess and merchant of Bristol

DATED 28th June 1449

DIRECTIONS FOR BURIAL Parish Church of St. Stephen Bristol

LEGACIES

(*a*)	Fabric of said church	3/4
(*b*)	Rector of said church	3/4
(*c*)	To each canon celebrating divine service in said Church 4d and to each clerk there	2d
(*d*)	To fabric of mother church of Worcester ..	12d

(*e*) Wife Alice a silver bowl with cover and 18 silver spoons and 300 yards of Irish linen cloth.

(*f*) 200 yards of Irish linen cloth to the poor for the benefit of the testator's soul and at the discretion of his executors.

(*g*) Girdle of white silk embroidered [?] with silver to his sister Johanna Stevyns

DEVISES

(*a*) Lands tenements rents reversions and services in Salop to wife for life with remainder to testator's right heirs

(*b*) Lands and tenements lately belonging to John Clyve burgess of Bristol to testator's mother Johanna for her life with remainder to William Kaylewey and his wife Johanna testator's sister and the heirs of William.

(*c*) Those persons who were enfeoffed of lands lately belonging to John Clyve in Bristol and Somerset to the use of Johanna the testator's mother for her life and after her death to the use of the testator were, if the testator died without heirs of his body, to enfeoff the said Johanna for her life with remainder to the said William Kaylewey and his wife Johanna and the heirs of William

RESIDUE To wife Alice subject to payment of debts and funeral expenses

EXECUTORS The said Alice and William Kayleway

WITNESSES Master John Esmond rector of St. Stephens, William Waryn Chaplain at the said Church, William Reve 'suffragandus [?] of the said Church Thomas Crowe William Tyler William More John Stable Thomas Hawlyn Robert Devenysshe Alice Estcot widow Agnes wife of John Cok' brewer and others

PROVED 13th August 1449—True copy sealed in London 1st October 1451 and approved before John Stanley Mayor and Richard Hatter Sheriff on the 16th February 1452 in the Bristol Guildhall in full hundred

GRANT[1]

[1] This follows the Will and is part of the same enrollment.

PARTIES

(1) Johanna Wythyford widow of Hugh Wythyford burgess of Bristol and mother of William Wythyford

(2) John Kayleway and William Kayleway

RECITAL Devise by William to Johanna of premises in Bristol lately belonging to John Clyve for her life with remainder to William Kayleway and Johanna his wife [see Will of William Wythyford]

OPERATIVE WORDS Johanna Wythyford delivered, demised and confirmed the said premises to John and William Kayleway and the heirs of William at a rent of 11 marcs payable quarterly on the usual quarter days

Provision for distress if the rent should be a quarter in arrear and for re-entry if the rent should be 6 months in arrear

SEALED By both parties and in addition with the mayoral seal

DATED 14th February 1452

o. 321 (a) MEMORANDUM that on the 2nd July 1542 Robert Kaylewey
322 (a) gentleman appeared before Roger Coke Mayor of Bristol and John Collys common clerk and requested that the document of which the following is a summary should be enrolled:

INDENTURE

PARTIES

(1) Robert Kalewey of Lyllynton beside Sherborne in the County of Dorset

(2) Richard Lane brewer and burgess of Bristol

PARCELS Bargain and sale of a messuage known the "Bruhouse" in St. Mary Street in the parish of St. Mary Porte lying between a tenement belonging to the parish Church of St. Peter in which William Wurley Brewer lived and a tenement named The Swan then occupied by Thomas Wudruff and extending from St. Mary Street backwards to a common Inn known as The Christopher

HABENDUM Unto and to the use of Richard Lane and his heirs for ever.

COVENANTS BY THE VENDOR

(*a*) Good right to convey
(*b*) To make an estate in fee simple to the purchaser at his request and cost
(*c*) Free from incumbrances
(*d*) To deliver documents of title
(*e*) Quiet enjoyment

CONSIDERATION £40 sterling secured by bond to be discharged on payment by the purchaser of £10 on the sealing of the Indenture and £25 on the following feast of St. James Apostle

SEALED by the parties on the 7th February 1542

Signed by Robert Kayllwey [*sic*]

Fo. 322 (*a*) *to* 322 (*b*) Memorandum that on the 20th January 1545 Thomas Lawncedon of Bristol Grocer appeared before Henry White mayor of Bristol and John Collys common clerk and asked that the instrument of which the following is a summary should be enrolled :

INDENTURE

DATED 26th August 1542

PARTIES

(1) Thomas Launsdon [*sic*]
(2) Richard Lane of Bristol brewer

CONSIDERATION £8 . 12 . 0

PARCELS Bargain and sale of a messuage or tenement in St. Mary Port Street and lying between a tenement belonging to the Vendor on the east and a tenement belonging to St. Mary Port Church on the west and extending backwards from the street to a tenement belonging to John Browne gentleman which premises the vendor recently bought from Sir Nicholas Poyntz

HABENDUM Purchaser and his heirs

COVENANTS BY THE VENDOR

(1) further assurance
(2) Free from incumbrances
(3) To deliver muniments of title

SEALED BY BOTH PARTIES

Signed by the Vendor

Fo. 322 (*b*) *to* 323 (*a*) Memorandum that on the 25th February 1543 Thomas Harvy gentleman appeared before Henry Whyte mayor of Bristol and John Collys common clerk and requested that the Indenture of which the following is a summary should be enrolled :

DATE 21st February 1543

PARTIES

(1) Thomas Harvy of Brockley in the County of Somerset
(2) Thomas Harris of Bristol merchant

CONSIDERATION £22 sterling

PARCELS Bargain and sale of a messuage or tenement and garden fronting on Toker Street Bristol between a tenement belonging to David Harris grocer and a tenement belonging Viscount Lisle and extending from the street backwards to the Haven.

HABENDUM Purchaser and his heirs

COVENANTS BY VENDOR

(*a*) Further assurance
(*b*) Free from incumbrances
(*c*) Good right to convey
(*d*) To deliver muniments of title

Signed by the Vendor

Fo. 323 (*a*) *to* 324 (*a*) Memorandum that on the 6th April 1543 Nicholas Poyntz Knight appeared before Henry White mayor of Bristol and John Collys common clerk and requested that the Indenture of which the following is a summary should be enrolled

INDENTURE

DATED 4th February 1542

PARTIES

(1) Nicholas Poyntz knight of Iron Acton in the County of Gloucester son and heir of Anthony Poyntz Knight

(2) John Compton the elder of Bristol yeoman

PARCELS Bargain and sale of a tenement fronting on 'Wurshipfull' Street otherwise known as the 'Shamollis' late in the occupation of William Hooper and then of John Compton and lying between a piece of void ground lately belonging to the Abbot and Convent of St. Augustines but then to the Bishop Dean and Chapter of the College of the Trinity Bristol and a tenement occupied by Humphrey Luffyngen brewer and extending backwards from the street to a Lane called Tydor Lane

COVENANTS BY VENDOR

(*a*) To deliver muniments of title

(*b*) Further assurance

(*c*) Free from incumbrances

(*d*) Good right to convey

(*e*) Quiet enjoyment and agreement to refund a proportionate parte of the purchase money in respect of any portion of the premises of which he should be deprived by the lawful entry or otherwise of any other person without covenant or collusion on his part.

CONSIDERATION £14 sterling

SEALED by both parties

Fo. 324 (*a*) *to* 325 (*a*) Memorandum that on the 20th September 1543 John Colles the elder Elizabeth his wife Nicholas Ryve and Johanna his wife appeared before John Reppe mayor of Bristol and Aldred Fitz-James common clerk and requested that the document of which the following is a summary should be enrolled

INDENTURE

DATED 30th June 1543

PARTIES

(1) John Colles the elder of Stower Westestowre in the county of Dorset husbandman and Elizabeth his wife one of the co-heirs and daughters of Robert Williams of the same place and Anne his wife daughter of heir of Thomas Bakard late of Bristol merchant Nicholas Ryve of Shaftesbury in the county of Dorset tailor and Johanna his wife another of the co-heirs and daughters of Robert Williams

(2) Richard Balle of Bristol whitetawyer

CONSIDERATION £20 sterling

PARCELS Bargain and sale of:

(*a*) a messuage or tenement and piece of void ground (formerly 3 small tenements) situate on St. James Back Bristol between King's Street on the east a bridge called Monkbridge on the west, a lane called Turne Agayn lane on the North and a slip going down from St. James Back to the Frome

(*b*) a messuage or tenement in Lewinsmead lying between a tenement belonging to Nicholas Thorne merchant on the east and a tenement lately belonging to Thomas Jubbz on the west and extending backwards from Lewinsmead on the north to the Frome on the South

(*c*) a garden upon Stonehill in the suburbs of Bristol containing 47 feet in length from the garden of Edward Twynyhoo gentleman on the north to a wall adjoining the highway leading from Bristol towards Clifton on the south and containing 43 feet in breadth from the garden of Edward Twynyhoo on the west to a common way on the east

HABENDUM Richard Balle and his heirs

COVENANTS BY VENDORS

(*a*) To deliver muniments of title

(*b*) Further assurance

(*c*) That the premises conveyed were of the yearly value of 49/4

(*d*) Good right to convey

SEALED by all parties

Fo. 325 (*b*) *to* 326 (*b*) Memorandum that on the 20th November 1544 William Popley gentleman appeared before Nicholas Thorne mayor of Bristol and

Aldred FitzJames common clerk and requested that the Indenture of which the following is a summary should be enrolled.

INDENTURE

DATED 29th July 1544

PARTIES

(1) William Popley of Chittern All Saints in the County of Wiltshire gentleman

(2) John Seibright of Bristol yeoman and Margery his wife

CONSIDERATION £22 sterling

PARCELS Bargain and Sale of a messuage or tenement in 'Brode' Street in the parish of St. John Baptist lying between a new built tenement in which Richard Prynne merchant lived on the North and the Guildhall on the South and extending backwards from the street to the backside of Richard Prynne's tenement

COVENANTS BY VENDOR

(*a*) Delivery of muniments of title

(*b*) Free from incumbrances

(*c*) Good right to convey

(*d*) Further assurance

(*e*) That the premises were of a net annual value of 26/8d

(*f*) To enrol as required by the Statute of Enrolments within 4 months

(*g*) To make an estate in land of equivalent value (in the estimation of 2 honest men) in Bristol in place of any portion of the premises from which the purchasers should be evicted.

SEALED by both parties

Signed by the Vendor

Fo. 326 (*b*) *to* 327 (*b*) Memorandum that on 7th October 1545 Richard Morgan of Easton-in-Gordano Somerset yeoman appeared before Robert Adams mayor of Bristol and Aldred FitzJames the common clerk. and requested that the Indenture of which the following is a summary should be enrolled.

INDENTURE

DATED 8th June 1545

PARTIES

(1) Richard Morgan
(2) John Stones of Bristol dyer

CONSIDERATION £52 sterling

PARCELS Bargain and sale for an estate in fee simple of:

(*a*) a tenement lying in front of the great well near Stallage Cross in Tuckers Street and lying between a tenement occupied by David Harris grocer on the east and a tenement belonging to John Broke son of Thomas Broke deceased and occupied by Thomas Kidwelliter shearman on the west and extending backwards from the street on the south to the Avon on the north in which tenement John Stones then dwelt

(*b*) a tenement in Temple Street occupied by Cuthbert Darnell and lying between a tenement belonging to Temple Church then occupied by John Rokewell brewer on the south and a tenement belonging to the same church and occupied by Alan Hill merchant on the north and extending backwards from the street on the east to St. Thomas Street on the west

(*c*) A small garden ground in Tuckers Street at 'Comptor Slypp' and lying between the garden belonging to Martin Pollard Merchant on the east and a garden belonging to Benet Jay on the north

(*d*) Four tenements and three gardens in Temple Street lying between a piece of vacant ground belonging to George Worton Esquire on the north and a piece of vacant ground belonging to the Fellowship or Craft of Weavers on the south and extending backwards from the street on the east to the 'Lawe Diche' on the west.

HABENDUM Purchasers in fee simple

COVENANTS BY VENDOR

(*a*) Further assurance
(*b*) Free from incumbrances
(*c*) Delivery of muniments of title
(*d*) Good right to convey

SEALED by both parties

Fo. 327 (*b*) *to* 328 (*a*) Memorandum that on 20th August 1545 David Harris of Bristol grocer appeared before Nicholas Thorne Mayor of Bristol and Aldred FitzJames common clerk and requested that the Indenture of which the following is a summary should be enrolled.

INDENTURE

DATE 3rd April 1545

PARTIES

(1) David Harris

(2) John Stones of Bristol Dyer

CONSIDERATION £6

PARCELS Bargain and Sale for an estate in fee simple of a tenement in 'East Towekerstrete' lying between a messuage belonging to the purchaser on the west and a tenement lately belonging to Lord Lyslie [*sic*] and then to the Chamber of Bristol on the east and extending backwards from the street on the south to the Avon on the north.

HABENDUM purchaser in fee simple.

COVENANTS BY VENDOR

(*a*) For delivery of muniments of title

(*b*) Further assurance

(*c*) free from incumbrances

(*d*) Good right to convey

SEALED by both parties

Fo. 328 (*b*) [1]Irrotulatur secundum formam Statuti XIIII° Die Marcii Anno regni regis Edwardi VI^ti^ Primo tempore Willelmi Cary Maioris[1]

INDENTURE

DATED 17th January 1546

PARTIES

(1) John Welles of Bristol merchant

(2) Thomas Goodriche of Middelton Cheyny Northampton husbandman cousin and heir of John Goodriche clerk.

[1]This passage is in the margin.

CONSIDERATION £20

PARCELS Bargain and Sale of a messuage in 'Brodestrete' lying between a tenement belonging to the Chapel of St. John Evangelist on the back of the Avon and a tenement lately belonging to Walter Straunge called the 'Sarsyns' and extending backwards from the street to a tenement lately belonging to Hewhe [*sic*] Young called 'Browned Taberne'

HABENDUM Purchaser in fee simple.

COVENANTS BY VENDOR

(*a*) Further assurance
(*b*) Free from incumbrances
(*c*) To deliver muniments of title
(*d*) Good right to convey

SEALED by both parties

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Fo. 330 (*b*) Johannes dei gracia Rex Anglie Dominus Hibernie Dux Normannie Acquitanie Comes And' Archiepiscopis ⟨1⟩ Episcopis Abbattibus Comitibus Baronibus Justiciariis vicecomitibus Prepositis Ministris et omnibus Ballivis et fidelibus suis Salutem ⟨2⟩ Sciatis nos concessisse et presenti carta nostra confirmasse Burgensibus nostris de Derby omnes illas liberas ⟨3⟩ consuetudines quas Burgenses nostri De Notigham habeant et habuerunt tempore Henrici Regis ⟨4⟩ proavi nostri et tempore Henrici Regis patris nostri Et Toll et Theam et Infangenethef et Thelonea ⟨5⟩ a Dunbridg' usque ad Pontem de Cordy Et a ponte Cordy usque ad Pontem de Estweyt Sicut ⟨6⟩ habere solent Et de Omnibus Derewent transeuntibus ita plenarie ut in Burgo de Derby homines eciam ⟨7⟩ de Derbysir' et de Notighamsir' venire debent ad Burgum de Derby die Jovis et die Veneris ⟨8⟩ cum quadrigis et sumagiis suis Nec aliquis infra decem leucas in circuitu De Derby tinctos ⟨8⟩ pannos operari debet nisi in Burgo de Derby Salva libertate Burgi de Notigham Et si aliquis ⟨10⟩ undecunque sit manserit in Burgo de Derby uno Anno et uno die tempore pacis absque ca-⟨11⟩-lumpnia nullus postea nisi Rex in eum jus habebit Et quicunque Burgensium terram vicini sui ⟨12⟩ emerit et possederit per annum integrum et diem unum absque Calumpnia parentum vendentis Si in ⟨13⟩ Anglia fuerint postea

Libertates pro Burgensibus de Derby

[1] Fos. 329 (*a*) and (*b*) and 330 (*a*) are blank

eam quiete possidebit Neque preposito Burgi de Dereby aliquem Burgensium ⟨14⟩ Calumpnianti respondeatur Nisi aliquis fuerit accusator in causa Et quicunque in Burgo manserit ⟨15⟩ cuiuscunque feodi sit reddere debet simul cum Burgensibus talliagia et defectus Burgi adimplere ⟨16⟩ Cives eciam qui ad forum de Dereby venerint a vespere [*sic*] Diei Jovis usque ad vesperam Diei Veneris ⟨17⟩ non namientur nisi pro firma nostra Et iter de Derewent' liberum esse debet navigantibus quantum ⟨17⟩ pertica una obtinebit ex utraque parte fili aque Preterea concessimus et confirmavimus eisdem Burgen-⟨19⟩-sibus liberis nostris de Dereby Gildam mercatorum cum omnibus libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus que ad ⟨20⟩ Gildam mercatorum debent vel solent pertinere Et quod ipsi sint quieti de Theoloneo per totam terram ⟨21⟩ nostram infra nundinas et extra Concessimus et confirmavimus eisdem Burgensibus de Dereby ⟨22⟩ Burgum de Dereby cum omnibus pertinenciis suis ad feodi firmam tenendum de nobis et heredibus nostris sibi ⟨23⟩ et heredibus suis imperpetuum per antiquam firmam Et de Cremento decem librarum per annum pro omni Servicio ⟨24⟩ et demanda Et liceat illis quem voluerint ex suis in fine anni prepositum suum facere qui de firma ⟨25⟩ nostra pro ipsis respondeat Ita quod si idem prepositus nobis displiceat illum ad voluntatem nostram removebimus ⟨26⟩ et ipsi alium ad libitum nostrum substituent Concessimus et eisdem Burgensibus ut quicunque ab eis constitutus ⟨27⟩ fuerit prepositus eiusdem Burgi Solvat firmam eiusdem Burgi ad Dominicum Scaccarium nostrum ubicunque fuerit in ⟨28⟩ anglia ad duos terminos Scilicet medietatem ad Clausum Pasche et medietatem in Octabis Sancti Michaelis ⟨29⟩ Quare volumus et firmiter precipimus quod predicti Burgenses et eorum heredes hec omnia predicta habeant ⟨30⟩ et teneant de nobis et heredibus nostris bene et in pace libere et quiete honorifice pacifice plenarie et ⟨31⟩ integre Et prohibemus ne quis contra hanc cartam nostram predictos Burgenses vexare presumat in aliquo ⟨32⟩ super forisfacturam nostram decem librarum ut predictum est Test' Domino Hubert' Cantuar' Archiepiscopo Norwic' episcopo Galfrido ⟨33⟩ fit [*sic*] Pet' Comite Essex Comite W Maresc' Willelmo Briwerr de B' Roberto de Veteri Ponte ⟨34⟩ Petro de Stok Willelmo de Cantilup' Symone De Patelhall Jacobo de Poterna Dat' per manum ⟨35⟩ Hugonis de Well' Archideaconi Wellensis apud Winton' Quinto die Octobris anno regni nostri Sexto ⟨36⟩

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[1] Fo. 331 (*a*) is blank

Fo. 331 (*b*) THE OLDE RECORDES OF THE CHAMBRE OF THE TOUNE ⟨1⟩ of Bristowe duly serched the fourthe day of the moneth of Octobre in the fourth ⟨2⟩ yere of the reigne of Kyng Henry the VIIth atte instaunce and personell desire of Thomas ⟨3⟩ Hoggekyns thanne Waterbailly of the said Towne deputed by oure saide Souveraigne lorde ⟨4⟩ It is intitled in the same recordes among othre ordenaunces in maner and fourme as folowen ⟨5⟩ that is to say ⟨6⟩

FURST that the Waterbailly of the saide Towne for the tyme beyng owith to take prise for the Kyng of Fissh and ⟨7⟩ other thinges comyng to the saide Towne by water in maner and fourme folowing and in noon othre wise that is to say ⟨8⟩ of every Picard or other bote comyng to Bristowe with XXX or moo of fressh milwell or lengis VI or with XXX or moo of ⟨9⟩ fressh congres VI or with XXX or moo of fressh reghes VI or with XXX or moo of fressh hakes VI hakes or with XXX or ⟨10⟩ moo of gurnardes haddokkis whitynges bremes makerels playces or with othir suche smale fressh See fissh VII fishes ⟨11⟩ and of every bote comyng with dyvers kindes of smale fissh if thei be XXX or moo in numbre in all then XII fisshes ⟨12⟩ thereof shull be taken for the prise that is to wite some of every kynde of the same fisshes till the said waterbailly ⟨13⟩ have XII fisshes in all for the prise ⟨14⟩

ALSO that the saide waterbailly shall take for the prise of every persone not beyng burgeis of the saide Towne ⟨15⟩ commyng to the same Towne with any ship picard or bote of fressh hering or with rede heryng C hering of salt fissh ⟨16⟩ oone cowple and of salte hake or dry hake two cowple of every ship commyng to Bristowe from beyond the ⟨17⟩ see with whete or salte two mesures oone before the maste Another bafte of every bote commyng with oystres ⟨18⟩ C oystres of every bote commyng with muscles oone busshell of muscles and of every bote commyng with oystres and ⟨19⟩ muscles togiders he shall take outher oone hundred oystres or ells oone busshell of muscles and no more ⟨20⟩ and of any of them that be burgeises of the said Towne of Bristowe commyng thider with any ship ⟨21⟩ picard or bote with fressh hering rede hering salt fissh salte hake dry hake whete salt oystres or ⟨22⟩ muscles the said waterbailly shall no prise take ne receyve ⟨23⟩

ALSO the said Waterbailly shall not aske take nor receyve any prise of or for any Crabbes fressh Samon ⟨29⟩ fressh water fissh

Charcole Stone cole apples peres nor for any other thing commyng to the saide Towne ⟨25⟩ be water or be lond

HERE FOLOWEN the fees and lyvery that the Waterbailly shall ⟨27⟩ take and have to his propre use for his labour in executing of his said ⟨28⟩ office in fourme abovesaide ⟨29⟩

FIRST for every arrest and for every attachement made atte Key Bake or Gibbe Taillour IIIId at Rowneham ⟨30⟩ VIIId at Hungrood XXd at Kingrode IIIs IIIId and if he labour ferther to do any arreste or attachiament ⟨31⟩ than he may take for his labour in that behalve resonably after the distaunce of the places and the ⟨32⟩ jeopardy of the matier and as the playntiff and he can agree.

ALSO the said waterbailly shall have for his lyvery gowne yerely atte feste of Crastemas of the baillifs ⟨34⟩ of the saide Towne for the tyme beyng XXXII rayes and playncloth according to the same Rayes of the ⟨35⟩ yomen lyvery of the same Towne and the same waterbailly shall were his said gowne and go with ⟨36⟩ the Bailly Errante of Bristowe for the tyme beyng havyng a tipped staff in his hand bifore the Maire ⟨37⟩ there atte drynkynges of the Maire and of the Shiref and Baillifs of the said Towne yerely in the fest ⟨38⟩ of Christemasse without that he have a resonable cause to excuse him by that he may not so do ⟨39⟩

And also that the said waterbailly or his deputee shall noon arrest nor attachement make upon ⟨40⟩ any persone ship picard bote or other godes till a lawful playnte be entered ayenst the defendaunt ⟨41⟩ whose persone ship Picard bote or goodes shall so be arrested or attached in oone of the Kinges Courtes ⟨42⟩ of the said Towne and that the said waterbailly or his said deputee be commaunded by auctoritee ⟨43⟩ of the same courte to make the said arrest or attachement

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Fo. 332 (*b*) We Thomas Welshe John Morrys John Jonson and John Spratt being sworn uppon the Evangelist ⟨1⟩ of God before M' David Harrys Mayor of Bristoll to vew the house betwene M' Welles and Philip Griffiths ⟨2⟩ in Christemas Strete in Bristoll do find for our vewe that 11 peces of Tymber of Phelipp Griffiths ⟨3⟩ hall are entred into M' Welles wall Also we fynd that the Tymber be nigh

Fo. 332 (*a*) is blank

IIII peces that ⟨4⟩ bears upp Phelyp Griffithes pentyce in his payvement are fastened and entred in M' Welles wall ⟨5⟩ And do fynd also that M' Welles wall in the payment [*sic*] betwene the hall and the parlour of Phelip ⟨6⟩ Griffithes house conteyneth in length about VIII foote and in height about XXII ⟨7⟩ foote do overhang the payment [*sic*] and ground of Phelipp Griffith from the Gutter case downe to the foundation ⟨8⟩ VI ynches Also we fynde that Phelip Griffithe ought to beare all his own water betwene him and M' ⟨9⟩ Welles And also that the same Phelip Griffith ought to repaire so mych tyle and ledde ⟨10⟩ of Mr Welles house as he caused to be broken upp at the setting up of his house Also we finde that M' Welles ought to beare his own water in the back syde of his house betwene him and ⟨11⟩ Phelipp Griffith by the space of XVI fote or there aboutes And this is oure vewe by the othe ⟨14⟩ that we have made Yeven at Bristoll the XXVIIIth day of July anno 1551

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Fo. 334 (*a*) UNIVERSIS sancte matris ecclesie Filiis ad quos presens scriptum indentatum pervenerit ⟨1⟩ Willelmus Payn Prior Domus Fratrum predicatorum in Bristollia et eiusdem loci conventus ⟨2⟩ Salutem in eo qui est vera salus Sciatis nos ob sinceram devocionem quam nobilis ⟨3⟩ et dilectus nobis in Christo Johannes Codrynton Armiger Dominus de Codrynton in comitatu Gloucestrie et Alicia ⟨4⟩ uxor ejus versus nos et ordinem ac Conventum nostros gerunt et pro quadam largiflua Summa pecunie ⟨5⟩ facultatum suarum ad Speciale comodum nostrum et augumentum Divini Cultus in Domo nostra per ipsos nobis ⟨6⟩ premanibus soluta et pacata unanimi assensu et concensu totius Capituli nostri Dedisse concessisse et hoc ⟨7⟩ presenti scripto nostro pro nobis et successoribus nostris imperpetuum confirmasse prefatis Johanni Codrynton et ⟨8⟩ Alicie uxori Sue ac heredibus suis quod ipsi habeant perpetuam Cantariam ad altare Sancti Petri de Meleyn ⟨9⟩ existens in Ecclesia Domus nostre predicte modo et forma sequentibus a dato presenti temporibus perpetuis ⟨10⟩ observand' videlicet quod unus Frater De Conventu nostro singulis diebus ad horas Scilicet tempore ⟨11⟩ estimali sextam et tempore yemali Septimam in Aurora Celebrabit missam pro bono statu ipsorum ⟨12⟩ Johannis et Alicie et pro animabus Suis ac antecessorum suorum necnon Omnium Fidelium defunctorum Et vocabitur ac ⟨13⟩ nuncupabitur imperpetuum Codryntonesmasse ad altare predict' Ita videlicet quod idem Frater pro tempore ⟨14⟩ predicto excercens Officium illud

Codrynton

[1] Fos. 333 (*a*) and (*b*)

teneatur indutis vestimentis suis ante Principium misse sue convertere ⟨15⟩ ad astantes et illos exhorare intuitu Caritatis ad Orand' pro bono Statu prefat' Johannis et Alicie dum ⟨16⟩ vixerint et alterius ipsorum diutius viventis et pro animabus suis cum ab hac luce migraverint Et post eorum ⟨17⟩ mortem pro bono statu heredis ipsorum Johannis et Alicie pro tempore existentis et viventis ipsum sic pro tempore ⟨18⟩ viventem et existentem per nomen et Surnomen sua Specialiter nominandum imperpetuum et pro animabus ⟨19⟩ antecessorum suorum ac omnium fidelium defunctorum Omnipotentem Dominum dicendo hos psalmos DEUS ⟨20⟩ MISEREATUR etc cum hac Oraciona DEUS QUI ES NOSTRA REDEMPCIO ETC DE PROFUNDIS ETC cum ⟨21⟩ hac oracione INCLINA DOMINE AUREM TUAM etc Et qualibet missa sic plenarie perfinita et celebrata ⟨22⟩ hoc Evangelium MISSUS EST ANGELUS GABRIEL Ita quod idem Frater celebrabit Septimanatim ⟨23⟩ imperpetuum diebus cum evenerint obitus eorundem Johannis et Alicie missas de Requiem pro eisdem Johanne et ⟨24⟩ Alicia cum cernomis [*sic*] prenominatis Et Singulis annis post Obitum ipsorum Johannis et Alicie celebrabimus ⟨25⟩ et tenebimus in Choro Ecclesie Domus nostre predicte die quo contigerit Obitus ipsius Johannis fore exequas ⟨26⟩ ipsorum Dicendo PLACEBO ET DIRIGE cum novem inde lectionibus et die sequenti missam ⟨27⟩ De Requiem pro animabus suis [*sic*] antecessorum Suorum et omnium Fidelium defunctorum et hoc cum nota solempniori ⟨28⟩ et decenciori modo quo poterimus Et prefatus Johannes et Alicia nobis promiserunt et Fide sua media ⟨29⟩ firmiter obligarunt quod heredes vel assignati sui nobis et successoribus nostris eodem die inter misse ⟨30⟩ Solempnia predict' annuatim Reddere debent ad Orand' pro Salubri Statu heredum predictorum Johannis ⟨31⟩ et Alicie ipsos ut premittitur specialiter imperpetuum nominando Sex solidos et octo denarios legalis monete ⟨32⟩ Anglie Volentes totam donacionem et concessionem nostras predictas semper integras et illesas permanere ⟨33⟩ Nos prefati Prior et quilibet Frater Conventus nostri predicti tempore confectionis huius Scripti in Domo ⟨34⟩ Nostra predicta existentes Tactis Sacrosanctis dei Evangeliis juramenta Prestitimus corporalia Illas ⟨35⟩ imperpetuum pro nobis et Successoribus nostris inviolabiliter ut prefertur observandas ET SI CONTINGAT nos ⟨36⟩ aut successores nostros predictas donaciones et concessiones in aliquo imposterum infringere quod absit ⟨37⟩ volumus et per presentes concedimus quod nos et successores nostri Coram maiore ville Bristollie et omnibus ac ⟨38⟩ singulis Fidedignis eiusdem ville

et quibuscumque aliis pro Infidelibus et periuratis teneamur et ⟨39⟩ reputemur imperpetuum Et ad simplicem denunciacionem predictorum Johannis et Alicie ac heredum suorum vel ⟨40⟩ cuiuscumque alterius de die in diem simus excommunicati et Communione Omnium fidelium Christianorum ⟨41⟩ Seperati Renunciando super hiis omnibus nostris' privilegio prohibucionibus [*sic*] et quibuscumque impetracionibus in qualicumque loco ⟨42⟩ vel curie [*sic*] impetratis sive impetrandis que nobis aut Successoribus nostris in aliquo poterint prodesse in ⟨43⟩ premissis IN QUORUM omnium fidem et testimonium uni parti huius Scripti indentati penes prefatos ⟨44⟩ Johannem Codrynton et Aliciam uxorem ejus
Fo. 334 (*b*) remanentis nos prefati Prior et Conventus sigillum ⟨45⟩ Nostrum commune apposuimus alteri vero parti ejusdem Scripti penes nos remanentis prefati Johannes ⟨1⟩ Codrynton et Alicia uxor ejus sigilla sua apposuerunt Et quia Sigillum nostrum quampluribus Est ⟨2⟩ incognitum Sigillum officii Maioratus ville Bristollie present' apponi Procuravimus Dat' ⟨3⟩ Bristoll' in Domo nostra Capitular' in Festo Santi Petri quod dicitur Advincula Anno Domini ⟨4⟩ millesimo quadringentesimo Sexagesimo Nono ⟨5⟩
[Folios 335 (*a*), 335 (*b*), 336 (*a*), 336 (*b*), contain an index in a later hand, and Folios 337 (*a*) to 340 (*b*) are blank.]

Fo. 341 (*a*) Universis Christi Fidelibus presentem Cedulam inspecturis patenter innotescat ⟨1⟩ quod persone subscripte Cultum Divinum Pariter et honorem cupientes in omnibus ⟨2⟩ Ampliare In nomine Sanctissime Trinitatis perpetueque virginis Marie Ceterorumque ⟨3⟩ Sanctorum Capellanos perpetuos presentaverunt ad celebrandum in locis sub-⟨4⟩-scriptis pro se et suis certisque personis inferius anotatis [*sic*] Necnon et pro bono statu Maioris et ⟨5⟩ Communitatis Bristollie animabusque omnium pariter in Christo quiescencium Fidelium defunctorum ⟨6⟩ Ne igitur tam salubre propositum quod absit per lapsum temporis oblivionem capiat vel neclingenter ⟨7⟩ sit cassatum Animeque defunctorum nequiter defraudentur premissa per ordinem in hac pagina ⟨8⟩ conscribantur et in hoc loco Comuni totius Comunitatis inspexioni Comuniter exponuntur Ut ⟨9⟩ Maior ceterique Comunitatis ministri secundum quod per Juramentum prestitum facere tenentur clare ⟨10⟩ videant videreque valeant quid fieri debeat in premissis Et si predicta in locis suis Secundum quod Decet ⟨11⟩ non observentur ordinare sceleriter valeant quod modo debito reformantur ⟨12⟩

In primis Magister Hospitalis Sancti Johannis Baptiste Bristollie

juxta la Redecleff presentat unum ⟨13⟩ Capellanum ad Celebrandum in Ecclesia eiusdem hospitalis pro anima Johannis Gilberti aceciam ⟨14⟩ pro bono statu maioris et Comunitatis eiusdem ville ⟨15⟩

Item Magister hospitalis Sancte Marie Magdalene de Holewey juxta Bathoniam presentat unum ⟨16⟩ Capellanum ad Celebrandum in Capella Sancte Marie et Santi Johannis Baptiste apud Batoniam [*sic*] ⟨17⟩ pro anima Johannis Wysse [*et*] progenitorum suorum ac insuper pro Comunitatibus Bristollie et Batonie ⟨18⟩ Secundum Formam Carte dicti Johannis Cuius Copia continetur in Papiro Bristollie ⟨19⟩

Item Magister Hospitalis Sancti Laurencii juxta Bristolliam presentat unum Capellanum ad Cele ⟨20⟩ brandum in Ecclesia eiusdem hospitalis perpetuo pro anima Willelmi de Berwyke necnon pro ⟨21⟩ bono statu Maioris et Comunitatis eiusdem ville ⟨22⟩

Item Magister Domus Sancte Katerine juxta Bristolliam presentat unum Capellanum ⟨23⟩ ad Celebrandum in Ecclesia eiusdem Domus pro anima dicti Willelmi de Berwyke necnon ⟨24⟩ et pro bono statu maioris totiusque Comunitatis Bristollie ⟨25⟩

Item maior Bristollie qui pro tempore fuerit presentat unum Capellanum ad celebrandum in ⟨26⟩ Capella beati Thome pro anima Ricardi de Well' Successorumque suorum et pro communitate supradicta ⟨29⟩

Item magister Sancti Bartholomei in suburbio Bristollie presentat unum Capellanum perpetualem ad ⟨30⟩ celebrandum in Ecclesia eiusdem Hospitalis pro anima Willelmi Beauflour necnon pro Comunitate ⟨31⟩ supradicta ⟨32⟩

Fo. 341 (*a*) Item Prior Fraternitatis Kalendarum Bristollie presentat unum Capellanum perpetualem ad celebrandum ⟨1⟩ in Ecclesia Omnium Sanctorum pro Rogero Turtle et eadem Fraternitate necnon pro Communitate supradicta ⟨2⟩

Item idem Prior et Fraternitas presentant unum Capellanum perpetualem ad celebrandum in Ecclesia Sancte ⟨3⟩ Warburge pro

anima domini Thome de Marsfeld necnon pro Comunitate supradicta ⟨4⟩

Item idem Prior et Fraternitas presentant unum Capellanum perpetualem ad celebrandum in Ecclesia Omnium ⟨5⟩ Sanctorum pro Rogero Turtle suisque Progenitoribus ac insuper pro comunitate supradicta ⟨6⟩

Item idem Prior et Fraternitas presentant unum Capellanum perpetualem ad celebrandum in Ecclesia Sancti ⟨7⟩ Laurencii pro animabus Willelmi Pollard Cecilie et Edithe uxorum eius aceciam pro comunitate supradicta ⟨8⟩

Item idem Prior et Fraternitas presentant Duos Capellanos ad celebrandum in Ecclesia Sancti ⟨9⟩ Stephani pro anima Ricardi White necnon pro Comunitate supradicta ⟨10⟩

Item idem Prior et Fraternitas presentant unum Capellanum ad Celebrandum in Ecclesia omnium Sanctorum ⟨11⟩ pro animabus Roberti Gyen Progenitorumque suorum et pro comunitate supradicta ⟨12⟩

Item magister hospitalis Sancti Johannis juxta la Redecliff' presentat unum Capellanum ad celebrandum ⟨13⟩ in Ecclesia eiusdem hospitalis pro anima Willelmi Randolff aceciam pro comunitate supradicta ⟨14⟩

Item Prior et Fraternitas Assumpcionis beate Marie presentant unum Capellanum ad Celebrandum ⟨15⟩ in Capella beate Marie super Pontem pro bono statu Regis et Regine Necnon pro animabus ⟨16⟩ Hugonis de Langbrigge et Progenitorum suorum totaque Comunitate supradicta ⟨17⟩

Item Prior et Fraternitas Kalendarum Bristollie presentant unum Capellanum ad celebrandum in Ecclesia ⟨18⟩ Sancti Nicholai pro anima Roberti Horvyrst Necnon et pro Comunitate supradicta ⟨19⟩

Item Prior et Fraternitas supradict' presentant unum Capellanum ad Celebrandum in Ecclesia Sancti Stephani ⟨20⟩ pro animabus

Thome Beelchere et Christiane uxoris sue necnon pro Comunitate supradicta ⟨21⟩

Item magister hospitalis Sancti Johannis juxta la Redclyff substituet unum Capellanum ad Celebrandum ⟨22⟩ in Ecclesia beate Marie apud la Redclyff pro animabus Johannis Keynsam et Rogeri Turtul totaque Comunitate supradicta ⟨23⟩

Item Abbas de Tewkesbury vel Prior Sancti Jacobi Bristollie loco dicti Abbatis presentabit unum Capellanum ⟨24⟩ ad Celebrandum in Ecclesia eiusdem Prioratus pro animabus Rogeri Turtle progenitorum uxorumque ⟨25⟩ suorum necnon pro tota Comunitate supradicta ⟨26⟩

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Fo. 342 (*b*) Extract from the De Banco Roll for Hilary Term 36 Henry VI Writ of Entry sur disseisin in the post brought by Henry Weston against Henry Brown and Isabella his wife. After the Plaintiff had pleaded, the mayor and sheriff of Bristol appeared by their attorney Thomas Harries and claimed their court on the ground that the messuage in question was within the liberty of Bristol.

The claim was allowed and the record proceeds :

" Ideo iidem maior et vicecomes habeant libertatem suam in " placito isto etc et super hoc predictus attornatus predictorum " maioris et Ballivorum prefixit inde diem partibus predictis " Coram eisdem maiore et vicecomite apud Bristolliam in le " Guyldehalle eiusdem ville die lune proximo post festum dominice " in ramis palmarum proximo futuro Et dictum est eidem Attornato " . . . quod partibus predictis plena et celaris [*sic*] justicia inde " exhibeatur alioquin reddeant ".

[Folio 343 (*a*) is blank and Folio 343 (*b*) contains a copy of London Charter granted 36 Henry VIII.]

[Folio 344 (*a*) is blank.]

Fo. 344 (*b*) A clauze of the Composicion made by Robert Chedder and William Chedder burgeyses of ⟨1⟩ the town of Bristoll made to the Priour of Chartreux of Witham of certeyn londes ⟨2⟩ and tenementes with

Fo. 242 (*a*) is blank

inne the town of Bristowe fowndid to use of a Chauntrye ⟨3⟩ Preste every day Syngenge in the Churche of Chedder in the Chapell of oure lady ⟨4⟩ there for the Sowles of the seid Robert and William and other etc ⟨5⟩

Pro Cantaria in Ecclesia de Cheddre in Comitatu Somers'

And yef the forseid Priour and Covent [*sic*] other ther Successoures to comynge of the payeng of the X li to the ⟨6⟩ forseyd preste and Procuratours of the forseyd Churche of Chedder be necligent or to late sendeth and ⟨7⟩ the termes forseyd not payeth but beth in parte other alle behynde by a monthe that hit is laufull to ⟨8⟩ us our eres and owr assignes and to the forsed Preste and Procutours [*sic*] which beth for the tyme an to ⟨9⟩ the Mayre of the town of Bristowe the which shall be then and to every of tham by her selfe in alle ⟨10⟩ the moste Shoppes and londes so mortified in goo and distreyne and any[1] distresse uttirly hym with holde ⟨11⟩ And also the forseyd Priour and Covent [*sic*] and her successoures and also her tenants owte putte withoute ⟨12⟩ eny with seienge of eny manne tyll all the arrerages harmes and expences by the ordeynyng of the ⟨13⟩ Mayre of the town of Bristowe of the forseid Preste and Procutours to the forseid Preste and Procutours ⟨14⟩ fully be satisfied And also till for every weke the which the forseid money other eny parte of hym ⟨16⟩ hath be not payed to the mayre and Commonalte of Bristowe X Ld be payed Dat' illius Compo-⟨16⟩-sicionis apud Bristolliam XX die Aprilis anno regni Regis Edwardi tercii post Conquestum XV^{mo} et ⟨17⟩ anno domini Millesimo CCC^{mo} IIII $^{xx\ mo}$ II° ⟨18⟩

Londes and tenements so founded in Bristowe

In primis XIIII mees' IIII shoppes VI acres of londe withe the appurtenaunces in the town of Bristowe and in the ⟨19⟩ suburb of the same town of the which meses one mese is set in the town of Bristowe in the high Strete and one ⟨20⟩ mese ys set in the same town in the strete of Seynt Nicholasstrete and an nother mese is sette in suburb of ⟨21⟩ Bristow upon the Wer and III Shoppes to gedyr bith sette in the suburb of Bristowe apon the bakke of Seynt ⟨22⟩ Austyn in the subarb [*sic*] of Bristowe VII meses joyned to gedyr beth sette in suburb of Bristowe ⟨23⟩

Memorandum quod Johannes Grybhille de Chedder de Comitatu Somers' Coke Et Thomas Webbe Procuratores ecclesie parochialis

[1] Above the line.

de Chedder ⟨24⟩ ac attornati domini Willelmi Stile Capellani Cantarie predicte venerunt XX die Junii anno regni regis Henrici Sexti post Conquestum ⟨25⟩ vicesimo octavo et coram Willelmo Canynges Maiore ville Bristollie et Juramentum pro[1][fe]runt [?] corporale quod sunt aretro ⟨26⟩ per dimidium anni de solucione redditus predicti prox' ante datum presencium ⟨27⟩

Hunc Librum[2] legi et perlegi

R.H.

[1] This word is partly illegible.
[2] In a later hand.

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